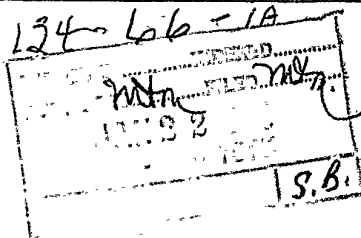


1. Two small (2x3) photos (face) of CSNYC 588 plus negative; two full length photos (standing) of CSNYC 588 plus negative. Submitted for file by SA E.W. Buckley.
2. U.S. Weather Bureau Report. See lt. from Cleveland to Bureau cc Ny 4/2/51.
3. Three photos and two negatives from a reel of film of CP Meeting in Cleveland Oct. 1950 identified by CSNYC 588 partially as the men who held CSNYC captive and threatened his life in unknown house in Cleveland in Jan. 14, 1950.
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5. The original "Registration Card-Hotel Cleveland", Cleveland, Ohio for John Lautner Act. #A- 16991 dated 1/14/51. See lt. from Cleveland 3/26/51. ltd. 9/56.
6. One certified photostatic copy of the original Decree of divorce in case #131192, [redacted] Plaintiff vs John Lautner-Defendant obtained by Salt Lake City office from County Clerk, Second Judicial District, State of Nevada, See lt. from Salt Lake City, 4/9/51.
7. Copy of a "Statement of Lautner" obtained by NYC 426 from CP Headquarters, 35 East 12th St. NYC. This statement concerned itself with the expulsion of John Lautner from the CP.
8. Ten photos (two copies each of 5 separate photos) of Kingsbury Run Section and Cleveland map of Cleveland. See serial 682. (copy of the five photos and Map sect to USA.)

Note: Above retyped from old exh. env. blockstamped Oct. 27, 1958. mtm.

Note: Do not enter any more exhibits in this envelope. See 1A Supplement.

*Note: Exh. 1A 1-8 transferred to 1B 149-158
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Date received 12-14-51

JOHN LAUTNER

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent SA J.J. MC CARTHY

Source from which obtained WILLIAM A. PAISLEY, Special Assistant to the Att. GEN

Address _____

Purpose for which acquired EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION

Location of bulky exhibit DRAWER WITH FILE

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List of contents:

1. 3 Typed lists of names and addresses (one page). *Retd. 9/56*
2. Letter, two pages of notes, pink card re AL STERN.
3. Carbon copy of letter by PAUL CROSBIE to [] and handwritten note by []
4. One page of notes re COMRADE HY.
- X 5. Mimeographed "Review Commission Statement on S. G." (2 pages). *Retd. 9/56*
- X 6. Letter (original, signed) by [] (4 pages). *Retd. 9/56*
7. Mimeographed "Statement of Expulsion of []" (2 pages)
8. Carbon copy of "The Expulsion of Bella HALEBSKY" (2 pages).
9. Carbon copy of letter from JOHN LAUTNER to [] application card for membership in CPUS by [] letter signed by []; typed letter of I. AMTER (CP, NYS letterhead) to [] Blue sheet of Resolutions; another letter from Amter, to Bronx County Committee.
- X 10. Envelope to State Discipline and Review Commission, NYS CP. *Retd. 9/56*
- X 11. An envelope containing subscription ticket to Testimonial and Dance for 4-66-1/DC. JOHN LAUTNER. *Retd. 9/56*
- X 12. Mimeographed form, from "National Review Commission, CP U.S.A.", re auto-biographical instructions. (paper is folded.) *Retd. 9/56*
13. Air mail letter from Budapest to MR. JOHN LAUTNER.
- X 14. Handwritten receipt signed by [] (?). Dated March 17, 1948
- X 15. Another, dated January 9, 1948

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- X16. A third, dated April 27, 1948 & 2 photostats of same, b6
X17. A fourth, dated 9/27/48. Name here appears to be [redacted] (2 photostats) b7C
18. Folded papers, handwritten (print) inscription on back: JOHN LAUTNER, and an address. An 11-page typed report on "ANGLO-AMERICAN Economic Relations, by [redacted]."
19. Clipped papers, as follows: typed (undated) letter to "Dear [redacted]" over typed signature of [redacted] (2 pages); another to "Dear [redacted], 6/21/49, similar paper, typed signature being [redacted]; handwritten notes headed "[redacted]"; another page headed "[redacted]"; another headed "[redacted] (2 pages); another typed page starting with a listing of six names and addresses; a yellow sheet of handwritten notes.
20. Clipped papers, consisting of the following: 1948 membership card of [redacted] b6
3 pages of handwritten notes headed "Re [redacted] under heading "Expulsion" b7C
an envelope with name of [redacted] printed, covering a handwritten statement in ink, on letterhead of [redacted]
21. Carbon copy, two pages, re "[redacted]". 134-6615 9
22. Clipped papers, as follows: typed paper headed, "Expulsion Statement of [redacted] 66-3901-1B3
[redacted]"; another headed, "Statement of Expulsion of [redacted] (2 pages); small loose leaf notebook sheet marked, "state. I expel. " on SEARCHED...and INDEXED...
beginning, "This is the expulsion of [redacted]" on the SERIALIZED...date
handwriting; two larger slips of paper, each headed with the date 05/17/49 1951
and title, "18th CD". FBI - NEW YORK

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23. Clipped papers, as follows: pink card with name handwritten, "ABNER BERRY" and some notes; three-page typed letter, yellow sheets, signed "ANN REVINGTON".
24. Mimeographed notice from NY county CP "To all branches BE ON GUARD!"
25. Mimeographed (10 page, 5 sheet) folder, entitled "The Key."
26. Carbon copy of "Decision of the County Review Commission" re HABESKY.
27. Clipped papers consisting of: letter from [] TO [] 3-page carbon copy of a letter (?) entitled in handwriting, "Answer to Union Statement"; 4-page set of notes, entitled "[] case", superscribed "March Statement"; another 2-page set of notes, similarly entitled and superscribed; carbon copy of letter from PAUL CROSBIE to [], FUR SECTION, N.Y.; four-page carbon copy, beginning, "I appeal to the Section Committee."
28. Typewritten statement, signed in pencil, "[]", superscribed "Expulsion Statement." Envelope attached, addressed in ink, "[]", American Jewish Labor Council" and an address.
29. Carbon copy of letter from PAUL CROSBIE to []
30. Carbon copy of letter from same individual to LOUIS CHASMAN.
31. Carbon copy of letter from same individual to Kings County Review Commission.
32. Carbon copy, on longer paper, three pages in length, beginning, "We know that our parent body is interested . . ."

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33. Clipped papers, as follows: torn letter from [redacted] to person unknown (addressee's name torn off); yellow typed sheet, entitled "[redacted]", with typed signature of "B.F."; letter addressed to "Dear [redacted]" and signed "[redacted]".
- X 34. Typed Monticello Branch charges against LEONARD SHAPIRO. *Retd. 9/56*
- X 35. Similar page of charges against [redacted]. *Retd. 9/56*
- X 36. Page entitled, "Supplement to Executive Committee Statement." *Retd. 9/56*
- X 37. Typed memorandum indicated as being "(Signed by Branch Organizer)", relating to [redacted] charges. *Retd. 9/56*
38. Handwritten, pencilled, notes entitled, "Trial of AP in Nov. 8", three pages in length.
39. Handwritten "Expulsion Statement on [redacted]".
40. Folded handwritten (ink) notes entitled, "Statement of the New York State Review Commission on the expulsion appeal of L."
41. Typed page of locations with personal names and comments next to them, superscribed in pencil, "BRONX".

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List of contents:

List of pamphlets initialed "J.L." as they appear in the drawer.

- 22. "The Communist Nucleus, What it is, How it works, by [redacted]"
- 43. "Foundations of Leninism", 10th Anniversary Edition.
- 44. Another copy of "Foundations"
- 45. "Abridged Proceedings Seventh World Congress", No. 17-18, "the Communist International."
- X 46. "Party Organizer", June, 1935, issued by Central Committee, CPUSA.
- 47. "The Communist", July, 1935.
- 48. " " March, 1936.
- 49. " " June, 1936.
- 50. " " International", No. 14.
- 51. " " " , No. 10.
- 52. " " 2 , No. 12.
- 53. " " " , No. 8.
- 54. " " " , No. 5, May 1936
- 55. " " " , No. 5, March 5, 1935.
- 56. " " " , No. 9
- 57. " " " , No. 21-22.
- 58. " " " , No. 6
- 59. " " " , No. 19-20.
- 60. " " " , No. 16.
- 61. " " " , No. 11.

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| 62. | " | " | " | No. 6 |
| 63. | " | " | " | No. 14 |
| 64. | " | " | " | No. 2, Feb. 1936. |
| 65. | " | " | " | No. 2, Feb. 1939 |
| 66. | " | " | " | No. 3, March 1939 |
| 67. | " | " | " | October 1938, Vol XV, No. 10 |
| 68. | " | " | " | No. 13 |
| 69. | " | " | " | October 1935 |
| 70. | " | " | " | October 1934, Vol XLII, No. 8 |
| 71. | " | " | " | May 1934, Vol. XIII, No. 5 |
| 72. | " | " | " | April, 1936 |
| 73. | " | " | " | February 1935 |
| 74. | " | " | " | August, 1934, Vol XIII, No. 8 |
| 75. | " | " | " | June 1934, Vol XIII, No. 6 |
| 76. | " | " | " | May, 1936 |
| 77. | " | " | " | Dec. 1935. |
| 78. | " | " | " | September 1935 |
| 79. | " | " | " | August, 1935. |
| 80. | " | " | " | March, 1935 |
| 81. | " | " | " | January 1935 |

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| 82. | "The Communist" | February 1936 |
| 83. | " | November 1934, Vol. XIII, No. 11 |
| 84. | " | November 1934, Vol. XIII, No. 11. (same copy) |
| 85. | " | September 1934, Vol XIII, No. 9 |
| 86. | " | January 1934, Vol. XIII, No. 1. |
| 87. | " | June, 1935. |

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JOHN LAUTNER

CS NYC 588

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Submitted by Special Agent E.W. WHITWAM

Source from which obtained Baltimore Office thru Bureau

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Purpose for which acquired Evidence and Information

Location of bulky exhibit _____

Estimated date of disposition Indefinite

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit TO BE RETAINED

X 88. ² ~~One~~ photographic copy of envelope addressed to: [redacted] *Ret'd. 9/56*

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X 89. ² ~~One~~ photographic copy of letter addressed "Dear [redacted]" from "[redacted]". *Ret'd. 9/56*

X 90. ² ~~One~~ photographic copy of envelope addressed to MR. JOHN LAUTNER from [redacted] Att'y at Law, Reno, Nevada. *Ret'd. 9/56*

X 91. ² ~~One~~ photographic copy of "Decree of Divorce" with "ANTHONY M. TURANO, Att'y at Law, Reno, Nevada" printed thereon. *Ret'd. 9/56*

X 92. ~~One~~ photographic copy of letter addressed to MR. JOHN LAUTNER from [redacted] Att'y at Law. *Ret'd. 9/56*

X 93. ~~One~~ photographic copy of letter addressed to "[redacted] Att'y at Law", from JOHN LAUTNER. *Ret'd. 9/56*

X 94. ~~One~~ photographic copy of "Power of Attorney" given by JOHN LAUTNER. *Ret'd. 9/56*

X 95. ~~One~~ two-page photographic copy of "Separation Agreement between JOHN LAUTNER AND [redacted]". *Ret'd. 9/56*

X 96. ~~One~~ three-page photographic copy of "Decree of Divorce between JOHN LAUTNER and [redacted]". *Ret'd. 9/56*

X 97. One copy of brief of proposed testimony of JOHN LAUTNER at trial U. S. vs. FLYNN et al. Furnished by U.S.D. NY.

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JOHN LAUTNER

CS NY 588

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Submitted by Special Agent See below

Source from which obtained See below

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Purpose for which acquired Evidence and Information

Location of bulky exhibit Drawer with file

Estimated date of disposition To be decided at conclusion of case

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit To be decided at conclusion of case

List of contents:

- ✓ 98. One original and ² Photostatic copies of a mimeographed "Review *Retd. 9/56*
Commission Statement on S.G." (two pages). See letter from Bureau 4-22-52.
- ✓ *99. One original and ~~seven~~ ^{ten} photostatic copies of a letter signed by *Photostat. Copies Retd. 9/56*
[redacted] (four pages). See letter from Bureau 4-22-52.
- ✓ 100. One original and ~~nine~~ ^{ten} photostatic copies of a sheet of paper con-
taining references to "doctors", "X-rays", etc., which Lautner described to
us as referring to Bob Thompson after he had been assaulted. See letter from
Bureau 4-22-52. *Retd. 9/56*
- ✓ 101. One original and nine photostats of a sheet of paper containing
references to [redacted], etc. See letter from Bureau 4-22-52.
- ✓ 102. The original of a letter addressed to the Bureau by JOHN LAUTNER dated
9-14-50 in which he offers to cooperate with the Bureau. See lt. from Bureau *9/56*
7-1-52. *Orig. of 13102 sent to Bu. 2/3/55 per SA [redacted] #429 per Bu. Inst. by [redacted]*

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JOHN LAUTNER

CSNY 588

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- X 103. Handwriting samples of JOHN LAUTNER. See lt. to Lab, 7-3-52. Submitted for file by SA [redacted]
- X 104. Certified photostats and certified translations of various articles concerning the 1930 National Hungarian Workers School, which articles appeared in the Hungarian language newspaper "UJ ELORE". (English translation "NEW FORWARD".) 4-21-30; 5-20-30; 5-29-30; 6-16-30; 6-19-30; 6-27-30; 12-3-30; 3-19-30; 3-22-30; 3-28-30; 4-22-30; 4-28-30; 5-5-30; 5-7-30; 5-21-30; 6-10-30; 6-14-30; 6-16-30; 6-17-30; 6-21-30; 4-23-30. *Ret'd 9/56*
- X 105. Photostats of defense exhibit "MMM"(2) US vs. FLYNN et al.
- X 106. Photostats of defense exhibit "LLL"(2) US vs. FLYNN et al.
- X 107. Negative and photo (each in 2 sections) of Govt Exhibit #61 in US vs. FLYNN depicting the CP Concentration Program. Original chart prepared by JOHN LAUTNER.
- X 108. Negative of photo taken of Govt Exhibit #82 in US vs. FLYNN et al depicting the CP Underground Organization Structure. Original chart prepared by J. LAUTNER.
- * The first six issues listed were sent to US ATTORNEY 6-24-52 per SA [redacted]

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Title and Character of Case: JOHN LAUTNER, CSNY 588

Date Property Acquired: See below

Source From Which Property Acquired: See below

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: In cabinet with file

Reason for Retention of Property and Evidence and Information
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

X 109. A copy of ^{photostat} proposed testimony of JOHN LAUTNER before the Subversive Activities Control Board at Washington, D. C. The actual testimony in this matter was taken during public hearings held in January, 1952. Received from SA 10-12-52.

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JOHN LAUTNER,

Date Property Acquired: See below

Source From Which Property Acquired: See below

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: In cabinet with file

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Evidence & Information

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

- X 110. One letter dated 11/14/39 from John Lautner to [redacted]. Rec'd. 1/16/53 from Mrs. Catherine Betterton- 1186 Lexington Ave. - Submitted by Robert J. Curry.
- X 111. One postcard, postmarked 11/28/39 from John Lautner to Susan H. Woodruff. Rec'd. 1/16/53 from [redacted] Submitted by [redacted].
- X 112. One 3 x 5 memo reflecting address of John Lautner - Rec'd. 1/16/53 from [redacted] Submitted by [redacted].
- X 113. Photostatic copy of testimony of John Lautner before Senate Internal Security Sub-committee 10/13/52 on Subversive Influence in the Educational Process. Rec'd. 1/8/53 from NY 588 - Submitted by Arbor W. Gray

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JOHN LAUTNER
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Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Evidence & information
to be kept permanently

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Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

X 114. 2 Photostat of "Daily Worker" 1/17/50 which on page 2 contains article on
John Lautner's expulsion. Rec'd. 12/30/52 from Office library - photostated by
U.S. Court House - Submitted by Arbor ". Grayd 3 photostats 8 pg. 2.

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159. 5/3/61. Two photostatic copies of registration card of Richford Hotel, Buffalo in the name of one John Lautner. See lt. from Buffalo to New York 2/29/52.
160. " 3/4/52 copy of "decision" relation to testimony of John Lautner at Los Angeles trial. See memo 4/15/52.
161. " Document showing pamphlets used by [redacted], defense attorney in Cross Examination of CSNYC 588 at Los Angeles, Smith Act trial. See memo 6/20/52.
162. " One photostatic copy of a letter 10/30/52 from John Lautner to SAUSA [redacted] SDNY. See memo 11/28/52 by SA GRAY. pms

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163. 4/27/65. 2 copies of duplicate photostats of pay receipts for JOHN LAUTNER. SEE serial 225 of SUB A. FILE.
Rec'd 3/20/65 by SA ROBERT G. OFTEDAL. irr
- #64. 5/6/65. Copy of documents contained in folder re [redacted] & JOHN LAUTNER. Rec'd 3/15/65 by SA J. GORDON.
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149. 5/2/61. Two small photos (face) of CS 588 plus negative.
150. " Two full length photos (standing) of CS 588 plus negative.
151. " Enclosure to NY, U.S. Weather Bureau report of Jan 19, 1950.
152. " Three photos & two negatives from a reel of film of CP Meeting in Cleveland Oct. 1950 identified by CSNYC 588 partially as one of the men who held CSNYC 588 captive & threatened his life in unknown house in Cleveland in Jan. 14, 1950.
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154. " The original "Registration Card-Hotel Cleveland", Cleveland, Ohio for John Lautner Act. #A-16991 dated 1/14/51. See lt. from Cleveland 3/26/51. ltd 9/56.
155. " One certified photostatic copy of the original Decree of divorce in case #131192, [redacted]-Plaintiff vs John Lautner-Defendant obtained by Salt Lake City office from County Clerk. Second Judicial District, State of Nevada; see lt. from Salt Lake City, 4/2/51. b6 b7C
156. " A copy of a "Statement of Lautner" obtained by NYC 426 from CP Headquarters, 35 E. 12th St., NYC. This statement concerned itself with the expulsion of John Lautner from the CP.
157. " Photos & negatives (5 separate photos) of Kingsbury Run Section, Cleveland.
158. " Cleveland Map of Cleveland.

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JOHN LAUTNER, WAS, IS-C, YOUR FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE SIX FIVE
ONE SIX. BUREAU RECEIVED LETTER FROM LAUTNER DATED SEPTEMBER
FOURTEEN LAST ADVISING THAT HE WAS EXPELLED FROM CP IN JANUARY NINETEEN
FIFTY AND CHARGED WITH BEING QUOTE ENEMY AGENT OF LONG STANDING
UNQUOTE, THAT HE IS READY AND WILLING WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION TO GIVE
FULLEST COOPERATION TO FBI BUT THAT DISCRETION BE USED IN CONTACTING
HIM. LAUTNER GAVE HIS ADDRESS AS FIVE SEVEN NINE FORT WASHINGTON
AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE WA THREE DASH NINE NAUGHT ONE ONE.
ARRANGE IMMEDIATELY FOR INTERVIEW WITH LAUTNER AND FULLY DEVELOP
INFORMATION REQUESTED BY BULETTER DATED FEBRUARY TWO NINETEEN FIFTY.

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COMPLAINT FORM

N.D. 588
Subject's Name and Aliases

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John Lautner
Name of Complainant
579 Fort Wash. Av.
Address of Complainant

Address of Subject

Character of Case

Telephone Number of Complainant

9/20/50
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

10/16/50
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FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

Lautner has Confidentially
furnished information concerning
Communist Party activity to Special
Agents of this office. Lautner is a
former C. P. official.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

Open 62- (P&C) file

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E. W. Buckley

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM NY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND FIVE EIGHT
RE NY TELETYPE SEPT TWENTY FIVE INSTANT. INFORMANT INTERVIEWED FOR APPROXIMATELY
FIVE HOURS THIS DATE, NY OFFICE, AND EXHIBITED A COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY
ATTITUDE TOWARD AGENTS. INFORMANT FURNISHED DETAILED INFO CONCERNING THE
ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP OF THE PARTY TOGETHER WITH SECURITY MEASURES
ADOPTED BY THE PARTY. INFORMANT ATTENDED MEETING IN LATE SUMMER, NINETEEN
FORTY EIGHT, WITH ROBERT THOMPSON, NY CP CHAIRMAN, CONCERNING ORGANIZATION
OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS STRUCTURE WAS TO RETAIN THE BODY
OF THE CP AS AN ENTITY UNDER ANY CONDITIONS SO THAT CP WOULD NEVER DISINTEGRATE.
INFORMANT BELIEVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS ORGANIZATION WAS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS
BY THOMPSON WITH WILLIAM Z. FOSTER WHO HAD BEEN IN YUGOSLAVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
AND FRANCE WHERE THE CP HAD VALUABLE UNDERGROUND EXPERIENCE DURING GERMAN
OCCUPATION. A LATER MEETING ATTENDED BY [REDACTED] THOMPSON
AND INFORMANT DISCUSSED THE BASIC ORGANIZATION OF THE STRUCTURE WHICH STARTED
WITH THREE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING THE STATE SECRETARIAT. THE WHOLE STRUCTURE
THEN DESCENDS ON THE BASIS OF THREE, CONSISTING OF THREE AREAS, EACH AREA
DIVIDED INTO THREE REGIONS, EACH REGION DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS, EACH
SECTION DIVIDED INTO THREE SUB SECTIONS AND EACH SUB SECTION DIVIDED INTO
THREE UNITS. INFORMANT FURNISHED IDENTITIES OF COMRADES WHOM HE BELIEVED TO
BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABOVE BREAKDOWN, THE NAMES OF WHICH WILL BE SET FORTH
IN DETAIL LETTER BECAUSE OF NUMBER INVOLVED. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT THOMPSON,

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[REDACTED] WERE TO NAME THREE IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES WHO IN TURN WOULD DESIGNATE THREE SUBORDINATES, THIS PATTERN BEING FOLLOWED DOWN TO THE UNIT LEVEL. THE FIRST FOUR LEVELS WERE CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT LEVELS. INFORMANT FURNISHED A DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING THE BREAKDOWN, COPY OF WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO DETAIL LETTER TO THE BUREAU. IN ADDITION HE FURNISHED THE NAMES OF COMRADES WHOM HE BELIEVED WOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE ALTERNATE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, THE ALTERNATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND LEADERS OF OTHER COMMITTEES TO HANDLE THE PARTY BUSINESS. THESE NAMES WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED IN DETAIL LETTER. IN EARLY NINETEEN FORTY NINE, A TEST WAS MADE OF THE SYSTEM AS SET UP IN BROOKLYN, BUT [REDACTED] WAS DISSATISFIED WITH EXPERIMENT. AN ADDITIONAL TEST WAS TO BE ENTERED INTO, THE RESULTS OF WHICH ARE UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT. INFORMANT STATED THAT THERE WERE ABOUT THIRTY FIVE GROUPS IN ALBANY AREA, THIRTY-FIVE IN BUFFALO, ROCHESTER AREA, AND SIXTEEN GROUPS IN ERIE AREA. ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, IT WAS DECIDED UPON THAT THIS ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION WAS TO HAVE ITS BASIS OF OPERATION IN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND OTHER MASS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH THEY DID NOT HAVE CONTROL OVER AND WHICH WERE NOT ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LIST. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT ONLY LOYAL DEVOTED AND RESOURCEFUL COMRADES WOULD BE TAKEN INTO THE ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION AND BECAUSE OF THIS SELECTIVE BASIS, ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP WOULD MAKE UP THIS APPARATUS, ACCOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND COMRADES IN NY STATE. THE REST OF THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO ACTIVATE THEMSELVES IN VARIOUS FRONT COMMUNITY AND TRADE UNION

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ORGANIZATIONS. THIS MAJOR PORTION OF THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE MORE OR LESS ON THEIR OWN AND WOULD BE CONTACTED SPARINGLY FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ETC. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN REAL PARTY UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY.

INFORMANT STATED THAT AT THE ABOVE REFERRED TO MEETING OF THOMPSON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT WAS MENTIONED THAT WHEN THE CP IS ILLEGAL, THE DAILY WORKER MAY CEASE TO OPERATE, BUT THAT THE VOICE OF THE PARTY MUST BE HEARD THROUGH PRINTED MATERIAL. IT WAS DECIDED TO SET ASIDE PRINTING FACILITIES SUCH AS PRINTING PRESSES, PAPER, INK, ETC, CONSISTING OF THREE COMPLETE UNITS OF PRINTING APPARATUS, LOCATED IN NYC. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE WAS IN CHARGE OF PLACING ONE COMPLETE PRINTING UNIT IN THE CUSTODY OF A COMRADE WHO OPERATED A LEGITIMATE SMALL PRINTING BUSINESS. INFORMANT IDENTIFIED THIS COMRADE AS

[REDACTED] WHO RESIDES AT [REDACTED] WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN EXPERT PRINTER AND MECHANIC. [REDACTED] OPERATES A SMALL STORE THE EXACT ADDRESS NOT RECALL BY INFORMANT, BUT LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF BLOCK AWAY FROM HIS RESIDENCE. THIS PRINTING UNIT IS CAPABLE OF PRINTING A CP PAMPHLET. INFORMANT STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAD PRINTED FROM TIME TO TIME, VARIOUS PIECES OF CP LITERATURE AND THAT THE INFORMANT HAD PAID [REDACTED] VARIOUS SUMS OF MONEY BOTH FOR THE PRINTING OF CP LITERATURE AS WELL AS FOR THE STORAGE OF THIS PRINTING UNIT. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE PARTY FUNCTIONARIES WERE VERY MUCH CONCERNED OVER THE CAREFUL PLANNING AND PLACING OF STENCILLED MACHINES AROUND NYC AREA SO THAT CP LEAFLETS MAY ALSO BE STENCILLED AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES. INFORMANT STATED THAT THESE MACHINES WOULD

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BE LOCATED IN THE HOMES OR OFFICES OF TRUSTED AND RELIABLE COMRADES ASSIGNED TO UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY. INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT THE ROTOCRAFT COMPANY AT ONE TWO STREET AND BROADWAY, THE BAR PRESS, AND PROMPT PRESS WOULD BE ENGAGED IN THE PRINTING OF CP LITERATURE. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE PARTY RECEIVED A SERIES OF SUGGESTIONS FROM AN OLD RELIABLE COMRADE WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN EXPERIENCED PRINTER BY THE NAME OF [] AND WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE LONG ISLAND PRESS NEWSPAPER. [] GAVE SUGGESTIONS, DETAILS OF WHICH WERE UNKNOWN TO THE INFORMANT, BUT WHICH SUGGESTIONS WERE ACCEPTED BY THE CP AND RELATED TO THE PRINTING OF CP LITERATURE TO AVOID DETECTION. IN DISCUSSING CP FUNDS, INFORMANT STATED THAT WILLIAM WEINER, IS THE REAL HEAD OF THE PARTY TREASURY ON A NATIONAL BASIS AND THAT BERNARD CHESTER IS THE ACTUAL TREASURER OF THE NY STATE CP. INFORMANT STATED THAT CHESTER, WHO HAS A SMALL OFFICE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF ONE UNION SQUARE, NYC, IS ALLEGEDLY ENGAGED IN THE EXPORT, IMPORT BUSINESS. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT CHESTER BUYS SURPLUS GOVERNMENT GOODS AND RESELLS THIS MERCHANDISE TO VARIOUS DEALERS, WHICH TRANSACTIONS AFFORD HIM PROFIT, WHICH PROFIT IS PLACED IN THE CP TREASURY. INFORMANT STATED THAT CHESTER MADE AN ALLEGED BUSINESS TRIP TO CUBA IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE, WHICH NO DOUBT RELATED TO PARTY BUSINESS. INFORMANT STATED THAT CHESTER CHECKS ON THE PURCHASES AND FINANCES OF THE DAILY WORKER AND MORNING FREIHEIT NEWSPAPERS.

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INFORMANT STATED THAT SINCE THE DEATH OF PAUL CROSBY, CHESTER HAS BEEN HANDLING ALL THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NY STATE CP. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE CP OWNS THE GENSUP STATIONERY CO., FORTY ONE EAST FOURTEENTH ST., BRANCH OFFICE, EIGHT EAST FORTY SEVENTH ST. HE STATED THAT THIS COMPANY IS ALLEGED TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY MORRIS MENSER, BUT THAT ACTUALLY THIS COMPANY IS A PURCHASING AGENCY FOR THE CP AND THAT IT HANDLES THE PURCHASING OF ALL SORTS OF STATIONERY SUPPLIES, FOODSTUFFS, CLOTHING, ETC. AND THAT THE PURCHASING OF LARGE COMMODITIES OF MATERIAL BY THE GENSUP COMPANY AT WHOLESALE PRICES AND THEN RESELLING THIS MATERIAL AT RETAIL PRICES ALLOWS THE COMPANY TO EARN A PROFIT, WHICH PROFIT IS DELEGATED FOR THE CP TREASURY. INFORMANT STATED THAT IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX WHILE HE SERVED AS THE WEST VIRGINIA ORGANIZER HE MADE A TRIP TO NY AND REQUESTED SOME STATIONERY SUPPLIES FROM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND THAT [REDACTED] GAVE THE INFORMANT AN ORDER SLIP TO TAKE TO THE GENSUP CO., WHICH THE INFORMANT DID, AND SEVERAL DAYS LATER THE COMPLETE LIST OF SUPPLIES WHICH HE DESIRED WERE RECEIVED BY HIM AT THE WEST VIRGINIA HEADQUARTERS. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE CP ALSO OWNS AND EARNS A PROFIT FROM THE OPERATION OF THE ROTOCRAFT PRINTING CO. AT TWELFTH STREET AND BROADWAY. INFORMANT STATED THAT COMRADE [REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED BY THE CP AS LATE AS NINETEEN FORTY NINE TO HANDLE [REDACTED] WHICH SHE DISCREETLY CONTACTED FOR LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARTY. ALSO COMRADE [REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED TO THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY. INFORMANT STATED THAT [REDACTED] IS ASSIGNED BY THE PARTY TO HANDLE THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED], AND THAT SHE WAS ENGAGED IN THIS ACTIVITY AS LATE AS NINETEEN FORTY TWO. INFORMANT STATED

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THAT SHE MAY BE SO ENGAGED TODAY. INFORMANT STATED THAT [] A WEALTHY COMRADE WHO WAS FORMERLY [] OF THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AND WHO NOW LIVES IN NYC, WAS A HEAVY CONTRIBUTOR AND MONEY RAISER FOR THE PARTY. ALSO COMRADE [] WHO MARRIED A VERY WEALTHY WOMAN BY THE NAME OF [] HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE PARTY. INFORMANT STATED THAT IN LATE NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT OR EARLY NINETEEN FORTY NINE PAUL CROSBY TOLD THE INFORMANT THAT THE CP WAS PLANNING TO PURCHASE A PRIVATE HOME WHICH WAS TO BE CONVERTED INTO A SECRET CP LIBRARY. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THE CP DID PURCHASE SUCH A HOME ON EITHER TWENTIETH OR TWENTY FIRST STREET BETWEEN EIGHTH AND NINTH AVENUE, MANHATTAN, AND THAT /THIS PRIVATE HOME, WHICH CONTAINS THE UNDERCOVER LIBRARY OF THE PARTY, IS GUARDED BY A COMRADE WHO WAS IN CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AT THE BUILDING. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE PURCHASE OF THIS BUILDING, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY NEGOTIATED BY CROSBY, TOOK PLACE DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT AND MARCH, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. INFORMANT RECALLED ANOTHER INSTANCE STATING THAT THE TIME [] WAS ARRESTED IN NYC, A FEW DAYS LATER [] [] WHO WAS EMPLOYED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, CAME TO THE INFORMANT WITH A MESSAGE REQUESTING THE INFORMANT RELATE THE MESSAGE TO COMRADE NORMAN SCHRANK, KINGS COUNTY FUNCTIONARY. THE MESSAGE WHICH THE INFORMANT RECEIVED AND RELAYED WAS THAT [] WAS TO HAVE [] WHO IS A WALL STREET BROKER, TAKE CARE OF SOME KIND OF PACKAGE IN [] HOUSE. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE SAW [] [] THE DAY AFTER RECEIVING THIS MESSAGE FROM [] RELATED THE INCIDENT TO [] AND [] REPLIED THAT THIS MATTER HAD BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. INFORMANT HAD NO FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT THIS INCIDENT WAS ABOUT, BUT WAS OF THE OPINION

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THAT IT HAD TO DO WITH MONEY OR FUNDS OF SOME KIND. INFORMANT IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE CP HAS OTHER BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WHICH IT OPERATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING MONEY, THE IDENTITY OF WHICH ARE UNKNOWN TO HIM. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE HAD NO FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING ANY INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE CP, USA IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE USSR, HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT SUCH A CONNECTION MIGHT EXIST AND WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS INFORMATION IS KNOWN ONLY TO THE HIGHEST FUNCTIONARIES IN THE PARTY. INFORMANT STATED THAT IN THIS REGARD HE HAS HAD HIS SUPICIONS CONCERNING TED BAYER OF SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE OBSERVED BAYER VISIT CP HEADQUARTERS, FINANCIAL OFFICE, ALMOST EVERY SATURDAY FOR ABOUT FORTY OR FIFTY TIMES AND HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT BAYER HAD SOME DEFINITE PARTY BUSINESS ACTIVITY CONDUCTED DURING THESE VISITS. INFORMANT STATED THAT DUE TO THE WEAK LEADERSHIP OF THE CP, USA AND SINCE THE PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY IS RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTY IN THE ENTIRE CP MOVEMENT, THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD SEE TO IT THAT PROPER LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE WAS AFFORDED TO THE PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY. IN THIS REGARD INFORMANT STATED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES FROM ONE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BEING DESIGNATED TO SECRETLY DIRECT THE PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY. INFORMANT STATED THAT SUCH SECRET LEADERSHIP COULD BE CONCEALED AS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE UN OR MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS EMBASSIES OF THE SO CALLED NEW DEMOCRACIES. HE STATED THAT HE HAS NO FACTUAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS AND THAT ONLY ONE OR TWO OF THE MOST RELIABLE AND TRUSTED TOP PARTY FIGURES WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF SUCH INFORMATION. INFORMANT STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE CONVICTION OF THE CP LEADERSHIP, THE ENTIRE PARTY MEMBERSHIP IN THIS COUNTRY IS DISORGANIZED AND SOMEWHAT

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DISGRUNTLED, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE INFORMED OF SUCH A SITUATION AND IMMEDIATELY ACT TO SEE THAT THE PROPER LEADERSHIP WAS AFFORDED THE MOVEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY. INFORMANT WILL ENDEAVOR TO RECALL ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ANY POSSIBLE TIE-UPS BETWEEN THE CP, USA AND THE USSR. / IN REGARD TO THE PRESENT McCARRAN BILL, INFORMANT STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNISTS WILL NOT REGISTER AS REQUIRED BY THE BILL AND WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO DEFEAT THE BILL. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE PARTY MAY DECIDE TO HAVE SOME PAID EMPLOYEES REGISTER, SUCH AS THOSE EMPLOYED AT CP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, ETC. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE CP WILL IMMEDIATELY DECIDE TO MAKE A TEST CASE BEFORE THE FEDERAL COURTS ATTACKING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE BILL. INFORMANT INCIDENTALLY ADVISED THAT HE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF A SMALL CP UNIT IN THE NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE STATED THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED BY BERNARD CHESTER TO BE THE CONTACT OF LT. ARTHUR MILLER OF THE PROSPECT PARK PCT., NY. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE COLLECTED CP DUES FROM MILLER AS WELL AS THE DUES FOR THREE ADDITIONAL POLICEMEN AND THE WIVES OF TWO OF THESE POLICEMEN, WHICH MONEY WAS ALL GATHERED BY MILLER AND THEN HANDED OVER TO THE INFORMANT. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE HAD MET MILLER ABOUT SIX TIMES OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. INFORMANT STATED THAT MILLER REMARKED TO HIM ON ONE OCCASION THAT THE PD WAS SUSPICIOUS OF HIM BUT COULD NEVER PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST HIM. INFORMANT STATED THAT IN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS CONNECTED WITH THE FINGER-PRINT SECTION OF THE FBI IN WASHINGTON, D.C. CAME TO HIM ON TWO OCCASIONS TO PAY HIS CP DUES. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALSO BROUGHT THE INFORMANT A PHOTOSTAT WHICH CONTAINED JUST THE INFORMANT'S FINGERPRINTS TAKEN AT THE TIME OF HIS FLINT, MICHIGAN ARREST. INFORMANT

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STATED THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN THIS YOUNG MAN SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE, DESCRIBING HIM AS A GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, AMERICAN JEWISH EXTRACTION, TWENTY FIVE TO TWENTY SEVEN YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET SEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE LBS., LIGHT COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, MARKS LARGE FOREHEAD, BIG HEAD, DEEP SET BLUE EYES, ~~ROUND~~ FACE, SLOW DELIBERATE TALKER. INFORMANT AFTER FOUR OR FIVE HOURS OF QUESTIONING BECOMES RATHER HAZY AND APPEARS TO BE MENTALLY TIRED. INFORMANT HAS STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN UNDER GREAT STRAIN PRIOR TO HIS CONTACT WITH THE BUREAU, AND THAT HIS TRYING TO RECALL INCIDENTS AND EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS HAS BEEN RATHER DIFFICULT, BUT THAT HE IS SINCERELY TRYING TO RECALL AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE SO AS HE CAN MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE BUREAU. INFORMANT WILL CONTINUE TO BE INTERVIEWED ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIXTH, NINETEEN FIFTY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. /12

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JOHN LAUTNER, WAS; ISC. RENYTEL SEPT. TWENTYSECOND, NINETEEN FIFTY. SUBJECT HAS BEEN GIVEN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SYMBOL NUMBER ND FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU AS EMANATING FROM ND FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. INTERVIEWS WITH INFORMANT CONTINUING IN AN ENDEAVOR TO COVER ALL PERTINENT PHASES OF CP ACTIVITY AS WELL AS ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DETAILS.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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RE: [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NY CI ND FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. INFORMANT INTERVIEWED
THIS DATE NYO. FURNISHED NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE
NY STATE OFFICE OF THE CP FOR NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT AND FORTY NINE, WHICH WAS
OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED] PRIOR TO INFORMANT'S EXPULSION.
THE LIST NAMES [REDACTED] SI GERSON, LOU DISKIN, [REDACTED] I. AMTER,
[REDACTED] BOB WOODS, PAUL CROSBY, [REDACTED] HERB WHEELDIN, WILL WEINSTONE,
[REDACTED], B. CHESTER AND [REDACTED] THE NAMES OF THE FUNCTIONARY
OF NY, KINGS, QUEENS, BRONX AND CULTURAL SECTION WILL BE SET OUT IN LETTER.
INFORMANT ADVISED JEWISH LABOR COUNCIL, [REDACTED] IN NINETEEN FORTY
SIX, ORGANIZED A BAZAAR, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR THE
LABOR COUNCIL. IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT "DAILY WORKER" AND "MORNING FREIHEIT"
TOOK OVER THE BAZAAR, RENAMED IT THE PRESS BAZAAR AND PROCEEDED TO GIVE THE
JEWISH LABOR COUNCIL FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF INSTANT BAZAAR,
SPLITTING THE REMAINING THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BETWEEN THE "MORNING FREIHEIT"
AND THE "DAILY WORKER". DISCUSSING UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS OF THE CP, INFORMANT
STATED THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF NINETEEN FORTY NINE, THE NATIONAL OFFICE SUMMONED
COMRADE ANDY REMES, MILWAUKEE CHAIRMAN, TO COME TO NYC FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.
REMES ASKED THE INFORMANT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RELIABLE COMRADES WHOSE
HOMES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ACCOMMODATE LEADING COMRADES WHO MAY ENTER INTO
HIDING FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS OR MORE. INFORMANT STATED HE GAVE REMES TWO
DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW; THAT REMES SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY ORGANIZERS AND THE

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COUNTY ORGANIZERS WOULD THEN DESIGNATE THE NAMES OF RELIABLE TRUSTED COMRADES WHO WOULD WORK WITH REMES. INFORMANT STATED THAT REMES MADE CONTACT BOTH WITH WESTCHESTER AND QUEENS COUNTY, AND THAT THIS PROJECT, CONDUCTED BY REMES, LASTED FOR TWO MONTHS. INFORMANT UNABLE TO FURNISH THE IDENTITY OF ANY COMRADES SELECTED, WHOSE HOMES WOULD BE USED FOR HIDEAWAY PURPOSES. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE CP WAS CONSIDERING THE USE OF RADIO COMMUNICATION AS OF LATE NINETEEN FORTY NINE. IN EXPLAINING THIS, HE STATED THAT ANDY REMES INSTRUCTED THE INFORMANT TO OBTAIN THREE SX FORTY THREE HALLICRAFTER RADIO RECEIVING AND SENDING SETS. (ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER REMES' REQUEST, THE INFORMANT WAS APPROACHED BY JOHN WILLIAMSON, AT WHICH TIME WILLIAMSON INDICATED TO THE INFORMANT THAT THAT NATIONAL COMMITTEE WAS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE NY AREA AND OTHER DISTRICT OFFICES. WILLIAMSON SPOKE ON HOW THE GERMAN CP UNDERGROUND OPERATED DURING THE REIGN OF HITLER. INFORMANT STATED / THAT STEVE MILLER, ALIAS J. PETERS, ALSO REMARKED TO THE INFORMANT THAT ANY RADIO COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED BY THE PARTY WOULD BE A MOBILE RADIO STATION IN A TRUCK OR BOAT OR AUTOMOBILE, BECAUSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIXED RADIO STATION COULD EASILY BE CHECKED AND THE LOCATION ASCERTAINED BY THE MONITORING OF THE FCC. PETERS ALSO SUGGESTED TO THE INFORMANT THAT SMALL RADIO SETS, WHICH COULD BE PLACED IN CARS OR CARRIED IN SUITCASES, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE PARTY. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE PURCHASED ONE RADIO SET, DESCRIBED ABOVE, FROM AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE STORE [REDACTED]

IS LOCATED AT EIGHTEENTH ST. AND SIXTH AVENUE, NYC, THE LATTER BEING [REDACTED]

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OF THIS ELECTRICAL BUSINESS. INFORMANT STATED HE PAID A WHOLESALE PRICE OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE RECEIVER AND TRANSMITTER UNIT, INCLUDING A SET OF EARPHONES. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE TURNED THE RADIO UNIT OVER TO [REDACTED] WHO TOOK THE SET TO HIS RESIDENCE AND WAS TO STUDY THE OPERATION OF THE UNIT, AND WAS TO LATER TRAIN OTHER COMRADES IN ITS OPERATION. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE WAS GIVEN THE ASSIGNMENT TO MAKE A SURVEY OF THE IDENTITY OF RADIO "HAMS" WHO ARE RELIABLE PARTY MEMBERS. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE DID NOT COMPLETE THIS PROJECT SINCE HIS EXPULSION CAME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SAME. INFORMANT WAS ABLE TO FURNISH ONLY PARTIAL DESCRIPTIVE DATA CONCERNING THE TWO PEOPLE WHOM HE ASCERTAINED HAD RADIO "HAM" LICENSES. INFORMANT WILL ENDEAVOR TO RECALL MORE DATA WHICH MAY REVEAL THE IDENTITY OF THESE TWO OPERATORS. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE PARTY WAS ENDEAVORING TO ASCERTAIN ALL THE "HAM" OPERATORS WHO ARE PARTY MEMBERS, APPARENTLY TRYING TO ORGANIZE A CHAIN OF RADIO STATIONS BETWEEN THE NYO AND OUTLYING DISTRICT OFFICES. INFORMANT STATED THAT [REDACTED] INDICATED TO HIM THAT IN CASE THERE WAS NO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AVAILABLE FOR UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS, THEN THIS RADIO SYSTEM WOULD BE UTILIZED AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE. INFORMANT STATED IN HIS OPINION, JOHNNY WILLIAMSON, FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT, AND [REDACTED], WERE ASSIGNED TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. INFORMANT HAD NO FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHETHER THE CP DID ACTUALLY PUT INTO EFFECT SUCH A SYSTEM. INFORMANT ALSO ADVISED THAT IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE, [REDACTED] REMARKED TO HIM THAT A PROGRAM WOULD BE UTILIZED OF A TELEPHONE RELAY SYSTEM, WHEREBY

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THE NATIONAL OFFICE, WANTING TO CONTACT THE DETROIT OFFICE BY TELEPHONE, USING THE PHONE OF A RELIABLE COMRADE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NY, CALLS WOULD BE PLACED TO TWO STOP OVER STATIONS, THE MESSAGE TRANSMITTED TO THE FIRST STATION, THEN TO THE SECOND AND HENCE DELIVERED TO A TELEPHONE DROP IN DETROIT. INFORMANT STATED THIS SYSTEM, IN HIS OPINION, WAS IN EXISTENCE AS OF THAT TIME FOR SECURITY PURPOSES. INFORMANT STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION ALL TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN THE TOP DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES WERE PREARRANGED. INFORMANT STATED THAT

[REDACTED] IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY NINE, ALSO ADVISED THAT THE UNDERGROUND STRUCTURE MUST BEGIN TO ORGANIZE A MAIL SYSTEM ON EVERY LEVEL. INFORMANT STATED THAT TWO COMRADES WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO ASCERTAIN THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ONLY TRUSTED RELIABLE COMRADES, WHOSE RESIDENCE COULD BE USED AS MAIL DROPS, WERE BEATRICE ZURAWSKY OF THREE THREE EIGHT EAST. THIRTEENTH ST., AND [REDACTED] WHO RESIDED AT [REDACTED] THIS [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED]. BOTH THESE COMRADES, AFTER OBTAINING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COMRADES WHOSE HOMES COULD BE USED AS MAIL DROPS, OR PLACES OF HIDING, WERE GIVEN TO THE INFORMANT IN SEALED ENVELOPES AND HE IN TURN GAVE THE ENVELOPES TO [REDACTED] FROM THE REMARKS MADE BY BEATRICE AND [REDACTED] INFORMANT GATHERED THAT APPROXIMATELY FIFTY TO SIXTY NAMES HAD BEEN COMPILED AND TURNED IN. INFORMANT STATED THAT ANDY REMES WAS ALSO ASSIGNED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO CONTACT RELIABLE PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE SUCH AS DOCTORS, LAWYERS, DENTISTS, ETC., WHOSE OFFICES COULD BE USED FOR MEETING PURPOSES OR DROPS BY THE CP. INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, A PERSONAL COURIER

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SYSTEM IS IN EFFECT AND HAS BEEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS BY THE CP. INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT J. PETERS ADVISED THE INFORMANT THAT THE CP SHOULD CONSIDER THE USE OF A CODE SYSTEM, EXPLAINING THAT THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY USED BY THE CP PARTIES IN EUROPE. INFORMANT STATED THAT J. PETERS, PRIOR TO HIS DEPORTATION, TOLD THE INFORMANT THAT THE PARTY COULD DESIGNATE A BOOK TO BE USED BOTH BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE TRANSMITTING OF MESSAGES. THIS BOOK WOULD BE THE KEY TO THE CODE. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE WHETHER ANY SUCH CODE SYSTEM WAS PLACED INTO EFFECT OR THE IDENTITY OF ANY BOOKS UNDER CONSIDERATION AS A CODE KEY BY THE PARTY. BUREAU REQUESTED TO SUTEL AUTHORITY TO COMPENSATE INFORMANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY DOLLARS FOR HIS TIME AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. HOWEVER, INFORMANT HAS NOT DISCUSSED OR REQUESTED COMPENSATION. LETTER WILL FOLLOW. INFORMANT WILL BE REINTERVIEWED SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, FIFTY.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NY CIND FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. INFO. INTERVIEWED THIS DATE NYO. IN DISCUSSING PRESENT CP LEADERSHIP, INFO. STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION EUGENE DENNIS AND JOHN WILLIAMSON ARE THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND ENJOY THE GREATEST AUTHORITY IN TOP LEADERSHIP CIRCLE. INFO. STATED THAT WILLIAMSON AND DENNIS, IN HIS OPINION, ARE VERY FRIENDLY AND HAVE WORKED SOMEWHAT AS A TEAM IN THE PAST. THESE COMRADES HAVE RECEIVED POLITICAL ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS OF ALEXANDER BIDDLEMAN OF "MORNING FREIHEIT" WHO, IN INFORMANT'S OPINION, IS A RECOGNIZED POLITICAL ANALYST. INFO. STATED THAT NEXT GROUP WOULD BE JOHN GATES, ROBERT THOMPSON, AND GUS HALL WHO FORM A SECOND CLIQUE OR TEAM. THIS LATTER GROUP IS RECOGNIZED AS THE YOUNGER LEADERS OF THE PARTY. THIS SECOND GROUP HAS AUTHORITY, BEING CHECKED CLOSELY, HOWEVER, BY DENNIS AND WILLIAMSON. INFO. STATED THAT OTHER LEADERS, SUCH AS GREEN, STACHEL, DAVIS, WINSTON, POTASH, WINTER, ARE ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO FOLLOW MAJORITY RULE RE PARTY POLICY WITH THE POLICY BEING SET BY DENNIS AND WILLIAMSON. IN DISCUSSING UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS OF CP, INFO. STATED IN THE PAST J. PETERS WAS APPARENTLY THE LEADER OF THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH SUCH ACTIVITY BUT RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT PETERS WAS SO ENGAGED FROM BRIEF CONVERSATIONS HAD WITH HIM.

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INFO. STATED IN HIS OPINION TOP LEADER CLOSEST TO J. PETERS PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPORTATION FROM U.S. WAS JOHN WILLIAMSON. INFO. STATED THAT WILLIAMSON NO DOUBT WAS AWARE OF ACTIVITIES OF J. PETERS. INFO. STATED THAT THE TIME PETERS WAS PICKED UP BY U.S. GOVT., [REDACTED] WAS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH WILLIAMSON AS OBSERVED BY INFO. WHICH INDICATED THAT WILLIAMSON WAS EITHER WORKING WITH OR CARRYING ON FOR PETERS DURING HIS ARREST. INFO. STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION BERNARD CHESTER IS ENGAGED IN SOME TYPE OF UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY. INFO. STATED THAT CHESTER ADMITTED TO HIM THAT HE WAS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH JACOB GOLOS, FORMER RUSSIAN AGENT. INFO. STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH CHESTER IS THE ACTUAL NY STATE CP TREASURER, HE MUST BE ENGAGED IN SOME UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY OPERATING OUT OF HIS SIXTH FLOOR OFFICE IN BUILDING AT ONE UNION SQUARE. INFO. STATED THAT IN NINETEEN FORTY OR FORTY ONE CHESTER MENTIONED TO HIM THAT NYC P.D. CONFIDENTIAL SQUAD WAS ENDEAVORING TO HAVE POLICE WOMEN INFILTRATE RANKS OF CP AS UNDERCOVER OPERATORS BUT THAT CHESTER HAD TWO PARTY PEOPLE, WHO WERE APPARENTLY POLICE WOMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SQUAD, OBTAIN FOR CHESTER THE IDENTITY OF THE POLICE WOMEN DESIGNATED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AND AS A RESULT, THE PARTY WAS SUCCESSFUL IN DISCLOSING AND EXPELLING THESE POLICE WOMEN FROM CP. INFO. STATED THAT CHESTER MENTIONED THAT HE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CP IN CUBA

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AND ARRANGED FOR A TRIP TO CUBA FOR ISRAEL AMTER. INFO. STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION GEORGE WATT, NOW NATIONAL SECY. OF REVIEW COMMISSION, HAS SERVED AS A PERSONAL COURIER FOR THE PARTY AND ALSO IS IN CHARGE OF CP SEAMEN MATTERS AND POSSIBLY DIRECTED THE SEAMEN COURIERS. INFO. STATED THAT COMRADE DOROTHY LOEB WAS CONTACT FOR THE CP WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL TYPE PEOPLE SUCH AS CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES IN NY AREA AND THAT SHE WAS [REDACTED] AND THAT THIS GROUP, INFO.

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BELIEVES, IS NOW HANDLED BY A COMRADE, WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL, WHO IS TALL, BLOND MAN. INFO. WILL ENDEAVOR TO RECALL THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME. INFO. BELIEVES THAT ALSO ENGAGED IN UNDERGROUND OR SECRET-TYPE ACTIVITY IS MARCEL SCHERER WHO IS HIGHLY REGARDED, TRUSTED, AND INFLUENTIAL COMRADE. INFO. STATED THAT SCHERER HAS AN INTERNATIONAL BACKGROUND HAVING BEEN TRAINED IN RUSSIA AND FOR THIS REASON, PLUS THE RESPECT SHOWN TO SCHERER BY CP LEADERS HERE, INFO. BELIEVES SCHERER MAY BE ENGAGED IN WORK OF AN ESPIONAGE TYPE. ALSO INFO. BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WAS REPORTED TO BE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED IN U.E. OFFICE, NYC, AND WHO HAS ALSO BEEN RUSSIAN TRAINED, IS A HIGHLY REGARDED PERSON AND DUE TO HER INTERNATIONAL BACKGROUND AND HER CAPABILITIES, NO DOUBT IS ENGAGED IN SOME ESPIONAGE-TYPE ACTIVITY. INFO. BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED]

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AND TYPE OF CAPABLE PARTY PERSON WHO WOULD BE UTILIZED BY PARTY FOR ESPIONAGE-TYPE ACTIVITY. INFO. STATED THAT NEITHER [REDACTED] IS OPENLY ASSOCIATED WITH CP ACTIVITIES TODAY. INFO. STATED IN REGARDS TO U.N. THAT ANY COMRADES WHO RECEIVED JOBS AT U.N. WERE INSTRUCTED TO GIVE UP ALL OPEN CP ACTIVITIES AND WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS CP MEMBERS AT LARGE AND THAT THE PERSON CONTACTING THE U.N. CP MEMBERS WHO ARE CONSIDERED A SPECIAL UNDERGROUND GROUP IS [REDACTED] WHO COLLECTS DUES FROM THESE PEOPLE. INFO. STATED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF A PERSON NAMED WALLACH (PHONETIC), FIRST NAME UNKNOWN, WHO IS EMPLOYED AS A SPEED TYPIST AT U.N., WHO IS A PARTY MEMBER. INFO. ADVISED THAT MILLER INDICATED TO HIM THAT WALLACH MINGLES WITH ANTI-CP GROUPS AT U.N. IN ORDER TO PICK UP INFO. FOR PARTY. INFO. BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE OTHER COMRADES WHO ASSIST WALLACH IN THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY. IN DISCUSSING FUNDS AND COVER COMPANIES WHICH MAY BE USED FOR SECRET PARTY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY, INFO. ADVISED THAT WILLIAM WEINER, THE FINANCIAL HEAD OF CP, HAS AN EXPORT IMPORT BUSINESS WHICH OFFICE IS LOCATED IN AN OFFICE BUILDING IN VICINITY OF FORTIETH AND FORTY FIRST STS. ON MADISON AVE., EXACT NAME OR LOCATION NOT KNOWN TO INFO. INFO. STATED THAT A FRIEND OF HIS, A COMRADE BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] WORKED IN THIS OFFICE FOR WEINER AND WAS ON PAY ROLL OF THIS COMPANY FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO OR THREE MONTHS DURING SUMMER OF FORTY EIGHT PRIOR TO [REDACTED] DEPARTURE

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FOR HUNGARY. INFO. STATED THAT WEINER ANTICIPATED [REDACTED] ARRANGING FOR THIS COMPANY TO DO BUSINESS WITH VARIOUS HUNGARIAN COMPANIES. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY HUNGARIAN GOVT., CHARGED WITH BEING A BRITISH AGENT. INFO. FURTHER ADVISED THAT WEINER OPERATES ANOTHER BUSINESS WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE AN EXPORT IMPORT BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN AREA OF NYC, WHICH OFFICE IS MANAGED BY COMRADE SAM BROWN OF EIGHT FIVE FOUR WEST ONE EIGHT ONE ST. INFO. STATED THAT SAM BROWN IS ASSISTED IN OFFICE OPERATION BY WIFE OF A DECEASED COMRADE. INFO. STATED THAT IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT WEINER MAKES A FINANCIAL PROFIT FROM OPERATION OF THESE COMPANIES AND ALSO PROBABLY UTILIZES THESE COMPANIES FOR SECRET PARTY WORK OR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY. INFO. HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RECALL NAMES OF ANY COMRADES WHOM HE KNEW TO BE EMPLOYED BY FEDERAL GOVT. INFO. FURTHER ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] ADMITTED THAT WHILE HE SERVED AS [REDACTED] FOR VITO MARGANTONIO IN THE NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ELECTIONS, [REDACTED] COLLECTED COMMUNIST PARTY DUES FROM MARGANTONIO AT THAT TIME. INFO. STATED THAT GEORGE BLAKE, NY COUNTY CP OFFICIAL, IS A PERSONAL FRIEND AND A PARTY CONTACT OF MARGANTONIO. INFO. ADVISED THAT BERNARD CHESTER ADMITTED TO HIM THAT DURING THE NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT MARGANTONIO CAMPAIGN CHESTER PAID TO MARGANTONIO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AS PART OF A PARTY CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MARGANTONIO'S CAMPAIGN. INFO. ADVISED THAT SINCE HE HAS

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UNDERGONE A GREAT MENTAL STRAIN AND HE IS PHYSICALLY TIRED AS A RESULT OF SEVERAL DAYS OF INTERVIEW, INFO. REQUESTED TO BE EXCUSED FROM INTERVIEW FROM SEPT. TWENTY EIGHT THROUGH OCT. SECOND NEXT. HE STATED DURING THIS TIME HE INTENDS TO TAKE A LITTLE REST AND ENGAGE IN SOME FORM OF RECREATION LIKE FISHING, BUT THAT HE WILL REMAIN IN THE CITY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY EMERGENCY. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO REINTERVIEW INFO. ON OCT. THIRD NEXT. LETTER WILL FOLLOW.

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NEW YORK CIND FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. INFORMANT INTERVIEWED THIS DATE NYO RE KNOWLEDGE OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. HAS NO INFO RE ACTIVITIES OF SOVIET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN THE U.S. HAS NO SPECIFIC INFO RE THE CP APPARATUS NOR EXTENT THE CP IS UTILIZED BY SOVIET INTELLIGENCE. HAS NO INFO RE ANY CP CONNECTION WITH COMINTERN APPARATUS. HAS NO INFO RE CP CONNECTION WITH EMBASSY OR CONSULATES OR ANY PARTY ORGANIZERS OF SOVIET INTELLIGENCE. HAS NO SPECIFIC INFO RE COVER COMPANIES OF CP. HOWEVER IT IS HIS OPINION THAT WILLIE WEINER, NATIONAL CP FINANCIAL HEAD, MAY OPERATE SOME COVER COMPANIES. INFO RE THIS IS SET OUT IN SEPARATE TELETYPE. HAS NO INFO RE ANY CP INTELLIGENCE AGENTS IN UNITED NATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE STATES THAT ANY CP MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE U.N. AUTOMATICALLY BECOME MEMBERS AT LARGE. ADVISED THAT DURING THE BROWDER REGIME, BROWDER HIMSELF WAS THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE CP UNDERGROUND AND THE OPEN PARTY. ROY HUDSON OR JACK STACHEL MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THIS REGARD DURING THIS PERIOD INASMUCH AS THEY WERE THE CLOSEST INDIVIDUALS TO BROWDER. SINCE THE BROWDER PERIOD, THE INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT JOHNNY WILLIAMSON TO BE THE PARTY FUNCTIONARY WHO ACTS AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE CP UNDERGROUND AND THE CP OPEN PARTY AND TO SOME EXTENT ALSO JACK KLING, CP FUNCTIONARY. INFORMANT STATES THAT WILLIAMSON WAS VERY CLOSE TO JAY PETERS, THAT WILLIAMSON WAS WELL AWARE OF PETERS' ACTIVITIES. IT WAS OBVIOUS TO THE INFORMANT THAT WILLIAMSON

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WAS MUCH CONCERNED WITH JAY PETERS. DURING THIS PERIOD THE WIFE OF WILLIAMSON WAS WITH WILLIAMSON DAILY. ON ONE OCCASION WILLIAMSON ASKED THE INFORMANT IF HE KNEW ANYBODY TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AMERICA. THE INFORMANT HAD NO OTHER INFO RE THIS INCIDENT. THE INFORMANT RECALLED THAT RUDY BAKER BECAME A DISTRICT FUNCTIONARY IN NYC IN NINETEEN THIRTY. AT THAT TIME JAY PETERS WAS A CP ORGANIZER IN NYC. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, RUDY BAKER TOOK PETERS' WIFE ^{LILLY SZIRTES,} AWAY FROM HIM AND A TERRIFIC FIGHT ENSUED BETWEEN BAKER AND PETERS. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER BAKER WENT TO DETROIT WHERE HE ACTED AS DISTRICT ORGANIZER. WHILE IN DETROIT HE TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE QUOTE FORD HUNGER MARCH UNQUOTE AND WAS THEREAFTER INDICTED. BAKER SKIPPED AND IMMEDIATELY WENT UNDERCOVER. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, IT WAS PREVAILING GOSSIP IN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE OR SIX THAT BAKER WAS THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN CANADA. AT THE TIME OF HIS DETROIT ACTIVITIES, BAKER TOOK NO OPEN PART IN CP ACTIVITIES EXCEPT TO TEACH IN A SMALL PARTY SCHOOL IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY. IN NINETEEN FORTY ONE BAKER GAVE LECTURES ON CHINA AT THE CP NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL. IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN FORTY NINE, [REDACTED] TOLD THE INFORMANT THAT BAKER HAD BECOME A TITOITE AND HAD LEFT THE U.S. FOR YUGOSLOVIA. THE INFORMANT DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH BETTY GANETT, NATIONAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR, CP. GANETT DISMISSED THE RUMOR ABRUPTLY AND TOLD THE INFORMANT TO QUOTE FORGET ABOUT IT UNQUOTE. ON THE BASIS OF BETTY GANETT'S REACTION, THE INFORMANT HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS A FALSE RUMOR AND THAT

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EBAKER WAS ACTUALLY SENT TO YUGOSLOVIA AS A QUOTE PLANT UNQUOTE. THE INFORMANT HAD NO INFO RE ANY PASSPORT RINGS THAT WERE OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE CP, BUT CITED THE CASE OF RUDY BAKER AS AN INDICATION AS TO HOW CP MEMBERS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN LEAVING THE U.S. HE STATED THAT IN THE CASE OF RUDY / BAKER HE WENT TO THE HUNGARIAN COUNCIL AND OBTAINED A PASSPORT FROM THE CONSULATE INDICATING THAT BAKER WAS A SUBJECT OF THAT COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE DONE WITH ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER CONSULATES. HE SAID HOWEVER ANY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THESE CONSULATES WOULD HAVE TO BE EFFECTED THROUGH HIGH FUNCTIONARIES AT THE CP HEADQUARTERS, SUCH AS EUGENE DENNIS OR JOHNNY WILLIAMSON. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT HE HAD NO INFO RE ANY SPECIFIC INSTANCE OF MONEY HAVING BEEN FURNISHED TO A CP MEMBER TO LEAVE THE U.S. SURREPTITIOUSLY. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE CP FUNCTIONARY WHO WOULD FURNISH MONEY FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE WAS CONVINCED HOWEVER THAT SUCH A TRANSACTION /! WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED THROUGH EUGENE DENNIS. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFO RE THE USE BY THE CP OF PERSONAL COURIERS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES. HE STATED HOWEVER THAT THE PARTY UNDOUBTEDLY USED CP FUNCTIONARIES AND SYMPATHIZERS AS COURIERS IN THIS REGARD. HE ALSO STATED THAT SEAMEN WERE USED ESTENSIVELY BY THE PARTY FOR ALL PURPOSES. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE ANY CONNECTION OF THE AMTORG TRADING CORP. WITH THE CP IN THE MATTER OF ESPIONAGE. HE HAD NO INFO RE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BY AMTORG THROUGH THE PARTY TO ESPIONAGE AGENTS. THE INFORMANT

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STATED THAT ALL PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR AMTORG IN THE EARLY THIRTIES WERE CUT OFF FROM THE PARTY AND BECAME MEMBERS AT LARGE. HE STATED HOWEVER THAT ISADORE NEEDLEMAN, WHO UNTIL RECENTLY WAS CONNECTED WITH THE AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION AS COUNSEL, MUST HAVE BEEN IN QUOTE ON A LOT OF DEALS UNQUOTE. NEEDLEMAN HAD FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE CP OTHER THEN THAT. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT WHEN NEEDLEMAN'S NAME CAME OUT IN THE JUDY COPLON CASE AS HAVING BEEN SUSPECTED OF FURNISHING INFO TO THE GOVERNMENT, SUSPICION WAS IMMEDIATELY CAST ON NEEDLEMAN BY THE CP FUNCTIONARIES. HE STATED THAT THIS MAY BE THE REASON FOR NEEDLEMAN'S CONNECTION WITH THE AMTORG TRADING CORP. HAVING BEEN SEVERED. HE STATED HOWEVER THAT ~~ALTHOUGH~~ THERE WAS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT NEEDLEMAN HAD A FEAR THAT HE MIGHT BE PROSECUTED UNDER THE REGISTRATION ACT. THE INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT HE HEARD FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, QUEENS COUNTY CP, WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL, THAT COPLON HAD A BROTHER OR A FIRST COUSIN WHO WAS A CP MEMBER AND THAT WHEN THE COPLON CASE BROKE, THIS INDIVIDUAL WENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AND REQUESTED ADVICE AS TO WHAT HE SHOULD DO ABOUT HIS PARTY MEMBERSHIP. THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT CP HEADQUARTERS AND THE DECISION WAS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOULD DROP OUT OF THE PARTY. THE INFORMANT ADVISED THAT ABE BROTHMAN WAS NOT IN A BRANCH BUT WAS A MEMBER AT LARGE. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE TO BERNIE CHESTER DURING THE WAR YEARS AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO [REDACTED] IN THIS CONNECTION THE INFORMANT STATED THAT HE RECALLED ONE INCIDENT WHERE ONE [REDACTED], FNU, AND ANOTHER UNKNOWN

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GIRL, WHO WERE ACTIVE IN THE HETTI LAPATINE CLUB IN THE CHELSEA AREA BRANCH OF THE CP, INVITED BROTHMAN TO A BRANCH MEETING IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT AT WHICH MEETING BROTHMAN ATTACKED THE PARTY AND DEFENDED EARL BROWDER. IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE CP THESE TWO GIRLS INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION THAT WAS CRITICAL OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP. IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN FORTY NINE THESE TWO GIRLS WERE NOT REGISTERED BY THE PARTY AND BROTHMAN WANTED TO COMPOSE HIS DIFFERENCES WITH THE PARTY, HE THEREFORE SENT AN UNKNOWN EMISSARY AND ISADORE NEEDLEMAN TO PARTY HEADQUARTERS TO SEE CHESTER AND PLEAD WITH CHESTER TO GO TO BROTHMAN'S ^{HOME} PLACE TO SETTLE THE DIFFERENCES. AFTER SOME HESITATION CHESTER ACQUIESCED AND, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, THE MATTER MUST HAVE BEEN SMOOTHED OVER BECAUSE NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST BROTHMAN. THIS INFO WAS FURNISHED TO THE INFORMANT BY CHESTER. CHESTER FURTHER INDICATED THAT BROTHMAN WAS ONE OF THE BEST PLASTIC CHEMISTS IN THE COUNTRY AND HE HAD HELPED THE CP MOVEMENT CONSIDERABLY. HE INDICATED THAT ^{BROTHMAN} ~~HE~~ HAD PREVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED FUNDS TO THE PARTY. CHESTER FURTHER INDICATED TO THE INFORMANT THAT BROTHMAN WOULD GO TO SWITZERLAND AND UPON HIS RETURN WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARTY. CHESTER FURTHER TOLD THE INFORMANT THAT BROTHMAN WAS NOT A FIRM INDIVIDUAL, THAT HE WAS JITTERY ALL THE TIME. ^{FOR EXAMPLE} HE TOLD THE INFORMANT OF AN INCIDENT IN NINETEEN FORTY FOUR OR FORTY FIVE IN A RESTAURANT IN NYC WHEN BROTHMAN WAS GIVING SOMETHING TO CHESTER AND AT THAT MOMENT A FLASHBULB WENT OFF IN

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BROTHMAN WAS WORRIED THAT A PHOTO MIGHT HAVE BEEN TAKEN OF THEM, THE ROOM. THE INFORMANT FURTHER STATED THAT CHESTER WAS DEFINITELY CONNECTED WITH JACOB GOLOS. THE INFORMANT ADVISED THAT IN NINETEEN FORTY ONE WHILE ATTENDING NATIONAL CP TRAINING SCHOOL ONE OF THE LECTURERS WAS AN UNKNOWN PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. THE HIS SUBJECT WAS DIALECTICS OF NATURE. THIS PROFESSOR BRAGGED TO THE CLASS HOW HE FREQUENTLY MADE TRIPS TO THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY AT SCHNECTADY, NY, TO WORK ON THE SMASHING OF THE ATOMS. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE BEEN A PARTY MEMBER IN ORDER TO TEACH IN THIS SCHOOL. AS TO SECRET ASSIGNMENTS OF PARTY MEMBERS, THE INFORMANT RECALLED THAT A YALE GRADUATE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN SOUTH AMERICA, EITHER IN BRAZIL OR ARGENTINA, IN CP WORK FROM NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE OR THIRTY SIX. THIS INDIVIDUAL IN THE EARLY THIRTIES WAS THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT CP UNDER WOLFSY. HE STATED THAT BEFORE GOING TO S.A. THIS INDIVIDUAL SPENT SOMETIME ON THE NINTH FLOOR AT CP HEADQUARTERS. HE WAS CONSIDERED A VERY VALUABLE PERSON. HE STATED THAT HE HAS RETURNED TO THE U.S. AND HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEEN QUOTE OUT OF THE PICTURE UNQUOTE. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS APPARENTLY PRESENTLY A RESPECTABLE BUSINESSMAN IN NYC. HOWEVER THE INFORMANT SUSPECTS THAT HE IS NOW INVOLVED IN UNDERCOVER WORK FOR THE CP. HE STATED THAT HE CONTINUES TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CP MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY [REDACTED] FUNCTIONARY, QUEENS COUNTY CP, AND WITH ONE [REDACTED] LNU, AND THE [REDACTED] IS EMPLOYED AT ROTOGRAPH COMPANY, NYC, A CP OWNED PRINTING FIRM. PARENTHESIS THIS COMPANY IN TELETYPE DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE LAST WAS ERRONEOUSLY REFERRED TO AS ROTOCRAFT PARENTHESIS. PHOTOGRAPHS OF

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SEVERAL ESPIONAGE SUBJECTS IN THE NYO WERE EXHIBITED TO THE INFORMANT AND IN MOST INSTANCES THE INFORMANT FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THESE INDIVIDUALS. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT HE DEFINITELY RECOGNIZED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MORTON SOBELL, CONNECTING HIM WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IN THE THIRTIES. HE COULD NOT FURTHER PLACE SOBELL IN THIS MOVEMENT. HE INDICATED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RUTH GREENGLASS WAS VERY FAMILIAR, PLACING HER IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IN THE LOWER EAST SIDE, NYC. PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALFRED [REDACTED] SARANT AND [REDACTED] WERE FAMILIAR TO THE INFORMANT. HE COULD FURNISH NO INFO RE THEIR ACTIVITIES. HE RECOGNIZED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MOISCHE STERN AS GENERAL EMO KLABER. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT HE BELIEVED HE SAW KLABER IN CANADA EITHER INNINETEEN THIRTY ONE OR THIRTY TWO. DURING THAT PERIOD THE INFORMANT WAS ENGAGED IN CP WORK IN CANADA. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT WHEN STEVE NELSON RETURNED TO THE U.S. AFTER A DISTINGUISHED RECORD IN THE SPANISH WAR, HE WAS IMMEDIATELY PLACED ON THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE BY EARL BROWDER. HE SUBSEQUENTLY WAS DESIGNATED TO ACT AS PARTY ORGANIZER IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. THE INFORMANT WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS POSITION WAS A MOST INSIGNIFICANT PARTY JOB FOR A MAN OF THE ABILITY OF NELSON. HE WAS OF THE BELIEF THAT THERE WAS GOOD REASON FOR THIS. AFTER EARL BROWDER WAS DEPOSED, NELSON WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH WILLIAMSON AND EUGENE DENNIS. HE BECAME THE HEAD OF THE NATIONALITY GROUP, CP, AND WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE YUGOSLAV SITUATION. THE INFORMANT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONNECTION OF NELSON WITH RUDY BAKER. HE ASSUMED, HOWEVER, THAT NELSON WAS AWARE OF BAKER'S LOCATION IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY. THE INFORMANT RECALLED ON ONE OCCASION

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WHEN IN NELSON'S OFFICE, A SEAMAN BROUGHT A BATCH OF PAPERS TO NELSON FROM JAPAN. THEY WERE JAPANESE CP NEWSPAPERS. HE STATED THAT WHENEVER A PERSON ENTERED DENNIS' OFFICE, HE IMMEDIATELY PUT HIS TELEPHONE IN HIS DESK DRAWER AS A SECURITY MEASURE.

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NEW YORK, N.Y.
SEPTEMBER 28, 1950

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NY CIND FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. RENVTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, FIVE ZERO EIGHT AM. MAKE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS. PAGE TWO, LINE THREE, "IT WAS OBVIOUS TO THE INFORMANT THAT WILLIAMSON WAS MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT ~~AND~~ ^J PETERS TROUBLE PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING THE U.S." LINE SIXTEEN, "SUBSEQUENT TO THE TIME OF HIS DETROIT ACTIVITIES." PAGE THREE, LINES EIGHT, TEN AND ELEVEN, SUBSTITUTE NAME ~~AND~~ ^J PETERS FOR "RUDY BAKER". PAGE SIX, LINE FIVE, "CHESTER FURTHER INDICATED TO INFORMANT THAT BROTHMAN WAS GOING TO SWITZERLAND (NINETEEN FORTYNINE) AND UPON HIS RETURN WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARTY." PAGE EIGHT, LINE SIX, "HE RECOGNIZED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MOISCHE STERN AS GENERAL EMIL KLAEBER." PAGE NINE, LINE FOUR, "HE STATED THAT WHENEVER A PERSON ENTERED NELSON'S OFFICE."

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MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNDI ND 588

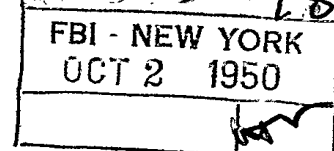
Re Butel to NYO dated 9/18/50 requesting that the informant be interviewed. Informant interviewed on 9/20,21,22,25,26,27/50. ND 588 furnished detailed information concerning the underground structure of the CP USA, the Security measures taken by the CP USA in regard to its Headquarters in N.Y.C. and to the Party itself. ND 588 has also furnished a great deal of information concerning CP members and CP officials.

On 9/28/50 the Bureau granted authority to compensate the informant in the amount of \$50.00.

In view of the information submitted by the informant, it is requested that a payment of \$50.00 be made to ND 588.

BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM
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New York, New York
October 2, 1950

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Re: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY NEW YORK CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMANT ND 558

On September 27, 1950, the writer interviewed ND 558 in Room 1203, U. S. Court House. The purpose of this interview was to determine whether ND 558 had any knowledge of the individuals involved in the [] case, the [] case, and also whether this informant had any knowledge of the workings of the underground, espionage, and courier activities in connection with the above-mentioned and other Soviet cases.

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ND 558 advised, in summary, that he had always been a member of the open Communist Party; that he had always used his own name in his activities, except on one occasion when he used an alias during the time he was doing some work in ~~Massachusetts~~. He also stated that he had never engaged in any underground activities on behalf of the Communist Party, nor had he ever been asked to perform such services. He stated that, as a matter of fact, although he was fairly sure that there were some "comrades" working in the underground of the Communist Party, he had never received any information as to the identity of these persons or the particular missions that they were carrying out. He stated that, actually, the first time that he became aware of the identities of these underground Communists was at the time the revelations of ELIZABETH BENTLEY began appearing in the public press and likewise, of course, when the story of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS regarding his experiences in the Communist Party underground became the matter of public knowledge.

Of the various persons probably mentioned in the BENTLEY and CHAMBERS cases, the only individuals that ND 558 had known at all were J. PETERS, [], and PETER RHODES.

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In connection with J. PETERS, ND 558 advised that he had known PETERS since about 1929, and he knew him only as a very active organizer in the open Communist Party. He became quite friendly with him when he, ND 558, attended some classes at the Hungarian National Training School in 1930, when PETERS was then teaching a course in political economy. He recalled that PETERS was very active in the Hungarian Branch of the Communist Party, but, thereafter, became associated with District #2 of the Communist Party.

ND 558 characterized PETERS as a brilliant organizer, an individual who knew a great deal about propaganda, particularly the actual running of such organizations as the "Daily Worker" and other establishments that "ground out" pamphlets, throw-aways, etc. It was ND 558's impression that PETERS was not thought of as one of the leaders of the movement by the leading functionaries of the Party. ND 558 stated that, apparently, PETERS was a much bigger man in the movement than those in the open Communist Party realized, possibly with the exception of a very few. ND 558 gained this impression because, after the stories related by BENTLEY and CHAMBERS, it became quite apparent that PETERS had a rather large hand in the Communist underground activities of the Party.

ND 558 stated that, as far as he could recall, he never had any idea that PETERS was involved in any underground work until the CHAMBERS and BENTLEY stories were made public.

With respect to [redacted] ND 558 stated that the latter had been quite active in the Party, and was regularly assigned as [redacted] [redacted] for the "Daily Worker," up until the time that [redacted] was brought before the Federal Grand Jury in connection with the CHAMBERS case; and, of course, subsequently, when he was "fingered" by CHAMBERS as being [redacted] used by CHAMBERS in his apparatus in Washington, D. C. Subsequent to the above, the Party leaders did not trust [redacted] and, as a matter of fact, he appeared most infrequently at the "Daily Worker" and occasionally supplied that newspaper with a [redacted]

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ND 558 had no information that, during the time he knew

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[] the latter was involved in any espionage or Communist underground work.

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ND 558 related that he first met PETER RHODES when the latter was an official of the Office of War Information and he, ND 558, was in the United States Army assigned to a psychological warfare group. He stated that he never knew, nor did RHODES tell him, that the latter was a member of the Communist Party, but ND 558 recalled one instance in Algiers during the war, when RHODES introduced the informant to a high-ranking member of the Hungarian Communist Party. He did not recall this Hungarian's name, but the informant knew that he had fought with the Loyalists in Spain, and also knew him to be a rather high-placed Communist.

ND 558 got the impression from this introduction, and also from the fact that RHODES never denied that he was a Communist, that RHODES must have been a Communist, although, not of necessity, a card-carrying member.

ND 558 knew nothing of any underground work that RHODES was doing for the Party, nor was he aware that RHODES was, in any way, associated with the ELIZABETH BENTLEY underground apparatus.

From the above interview, it would appear that this informant, although extremely cooperative, has no knowledge of the underground workings of the Communist Party. The fact that he knew such people as J. TETERS, [] who were associated in the underground movement, is, of course, not in itself indicative of the fact that this informant has any knowledge of these persons in connection with underground work. It is not believed that any useful purpose would be served, at least at this time, by talking to this informant regarding each individual subject in the BENTLEY and CHAMBERS cases because it would appear that the only information that would result would be some indication of the individuals being members or sympathetic with the Communist Party movement, which would, in all probability, duplicate the interviews presently being conducted with respect to this individual's knowledge of the overall picture of the Communist Party movement in this country as he knows it.

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THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

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October 4, 1950

Director, FBI

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ND 588

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT #2
NEW YORK DIVISION (Queens County Communist Party)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 3, 1950 the above named informant was interviewed concerning his knowledge of the Queens County Communist Party. He advised he was not too familiar with the identity of officers in this organization or the activities of the organization but upon questioning advised the following prevailed as of 1949:

The Queens County Communist Party is not broken down into regions but still maintains a section and club setup. The informant stated the following, to his knowledge, comprised the Queens County Communist Party Committee:



He also advised the above three members of the Queens County Communist Party Committee also comprised the Secretariat of the Queens County Communist Party.

With regard to the membership, the informant stated that as of 1948 the Queens County Communist Party had an estimated membership of 2,000. He advised that since 1948 this figure has diminished and that when the Communist Party goes underground only a chosen few will be retained in the new structure.

cc: 100-26603-c41 (Queens County Communist Party)

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The above informant also stated that JACK PERILLA is active in Queens County Communist Party organization and is a teacher in the county schools. The informant advised PERILLA is employed by the Prompt Press.

Confidential Informant ND 588 advised that [redacted] was the [redacted] for the Queens County Communist Party in 1949 but believed he has since been replaced.

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The above informant also advised that the residence of LOTTIE GORDON, wife of DAVE GORDON, Queens, New York, is used as a mail drop for the Communist Party.

The informant advised his knowledge of the Queens County Communist Party was limited because of the fact he only became acquainted with leaders of the organization when he gave a speech or when the leaders of the Queens County Communist Party appeared at the Queens County Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

The informant was questioned concerning his knowledge of the organizational structure of the Queens County Communist Party with regard to sections and clubs and officers of the same but was unable to furnish any further information.

Information pertaining to the above named individuals as furnished by the informant will be disseminated to the appropriate case files of the New York Office and the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC

New York 7, New York

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October 4, 1950

Director, FBI

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ND 588

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT #2
NEW YORK DIVISION (Bronx County Communist Party)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

On October 3, 1950 the above informant was interviewed concerning his knowledge of the Bronx County Communist Party. He advised he was not too familiar with the identity of the officers in this organization or the activities of the organization but upon questioning advised the following prevailed as of 1949:

The Bronx County Communist Party was not broken down into regions but will maintain the section and club setup. The informant advised the following are members of the Bronx County Communist Party Committee as known by him:

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The informant also advised that the Bronx County Communist Party leader in charge of tenants work would also be on the Bronx County Communist Party Committee. He advised, however, he did not know the identity of the Bronx Communist Party leader in tenants activity.

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Of the above set forth individuals, the informant advised BEGUN, [] comprised the Bronx County Communist Party Secretariat.

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Confidential Informant ND 588 also pointed out that [] Bronx County Communist Party [] and Bronx County Communist Party board member, is considered an up and coming individual in the Communist Party and is looked upon very favorably by the New York State Communist Committee. He also stated the same with regard to [] of the Bronx County Communist Party Secretariat.

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The above informant also advised that [] is an [] for the Bronx County Communist Party.

With regard to membership, the above informant stated that as of 1948 the Bronx County Communist Party had an estimated membership of 3,500. He further advised that these figures have diminished since 1948 and that when the Communist Party goes underground only a selected few of the 3,500 of the Bronx County Communist Party will be retained in the new structure.

Confidential Informant ND 588 was questioned concerning his knowledge of the existence of commissions in the Bronx County Communist Party organization and the identity of officers in the same and he stated that there are no commissions such as Negro Commissions, Women's Commissions, etc., in the Bronx County Communist Party.

It was the opinion of the informant that [] is no longer on probation and has returned to his county position as [] in the Bronx County Communist Party.

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The informant advised [] was [] of the Allerton Section of the Bronx County Communist Party who is now in Upstate New York in the Albany area as of the winter of 1949.

The informant advised he did not know the name of the Bronx County Communist Party [] but described him as follows:

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Age [redacted] pounds, and employed in the
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Confidential Informant ND 588 advised that his knowledge of the Bronx County Communist Party was limited because of the fact he became acquainted with the leaders in the county only on those occasions that he gave a speech in the Bronx County and when the leaders visited Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

It should be noted that the above informant was interviewed concerning his knowledge of the organizational structure of the Bronx County Communist Party with reference to sections and clubs and officers of the same, but was unable to furnish any information pertaining to same.

Information pertaining to the above named individuals as furnished by the informant will be disseminated to the appropriate case files of the New York Office and the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NY
OCT. 9, 1950

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU (URGENT)

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT CNDI FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. AT PRESENT INFORMANT
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MATTERS. REQUEST PAYMENT BE MADE TO INFORMANT IN AMOUNT FIFTY DOLLARS
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October 10, 1950

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Director, FBI

RE: CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT 588

Dear Sir:

Rebulet September 28, 1950.

On October 3, 1950 the informant was interviewed. At that time he was offered a sum of \$50.00 by the New York Office to cover expenses incurred by him during the period September 20, 1950 to date in regard to his interviews by this office. It is to be noted that the informant had made no requests for payment at any time during the interviews with him.

When the offer of a \$50.00 payment was first made to the informant, he refused, stating that any information he had was at the disposal of the Bureau and that he had no intention of securing payment for this knowledge. The informant advised that he wanted to get his past association with the Communist Party cleared up so that he would be able to spend what years of his life that remained before him in attempting to atone to society (the United States Government) for the harm that he had done in the past through his connection with the Communist Party.

It was explained to the informant that the aforementioned sum of \$50.00 was not in payment for the information furnished by him. It was pointed out that this sum was to be considered as a payment to cover costs of personal expenses incurred during the series of interviews. At the termination of the interview, the informant agreed to accept the \$50.00 in the light that this sum was to cover expenses incurred by him.

It should be noted that the informant's present financial income is limited to the payments received from the New York State Unemployment Office, which amounts to \$26.00 a week. During the above interview the informant remarked that his only concern is in securing employment. He stated that since he worked for the Communist Party from 1929 to 1950, he has no references to use in securing private employment. The informant stated that after the interviews are completed, he wondered whether it would be possible

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for the Bureau to render him any assistance in securing employment of any type, remarking that wages, hours, or working conditions were of no interest to him. According to the informant, he is qualified for employment as a journalist, a translator, or limited personnel work.

It is to be noted that no commitments were made to the informant on the part of the Bureau at any time during this interview. When the series of interviews are completed and the informant continues to be co-operative, the New York Office will request an opinion from the Bureau as to the desirability of assisting the informant in securing some type of employment.

Very truly yours,

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EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

New York 7, New York

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October 11, 1950

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
District No. 2
Kings County
Information received from
Confidential Informant ND 588
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

On October 3, 1950 the above informant was interviewed regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party. The following is a summary of the information furnished by this informant:

County Officials

100-26603-043 CARL VEDRO

This individual occupies the position of Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party. The informant originally met VEDRO while the latter was Organizational Secretary in the Williamsburg Section in 1933. At that time VEDRO was in the sound truck business. Not long thereafter, VEDRO became Section Organizer in Brooklyn.

At the time PETER V. CACCHIONE first was elected City Councilman, VEDRO was his assistant and campaign manager. It was approximately this same time when the Communist Party in New York City broke their organization into counties and CACCHIONE became the Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party. Through the efforts of CACCHIONE, VEDRO was named as Organizational Secretary of the Party in Brooklyn. In November, 1947, when CACCHIONE died, VEDRO was named Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party.

According to the informant, VEDRO attends state board meetings and has been pulled out of the county organization periodically to organize and run various movements, such as the New York Bill of Rights Conference. In the past he has spent parts of the winter months in Florida.

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The informant considered VEDRO to be merely a title head of the Party in Brooklyn. He lacks the analytical mind to rise to any important state or national position, according to the informant.

FAY VEDRO

The informant believed FAY VEDRO to be a quiet, capable Party official in Brooklyn. According to ND 588, FAY VEDRO, the wife of CARL VEDRO, held the position of Trade Union Director in the Queens County Communist Party and has continued this work in Kings County up to the time of the birth of her child when it was necessary for her to curtail her Communist Party activities.

The informant stated that FAY VEDRO recently made a trip to Palestine, the purpose of which was unknown to him.

BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS

The informant originally became acquainted with DAVIS in 1945 when he substituted for CARL VEDRO in attending New York State board meetings.

In 1948 the informant worked with DAVIS in connection with the security structure of the Kings County Communist Party.

It is to be noted that whereas JOHN NOTO, [redacted] and IZZY BEGAN, heads of the respective areas of Buffalo, Queens, and Bronx, represented their organizations in connection with the security setup, BEN DAVIS represented the Brooklyn Communist Party rather than CARL VEDRO, the Brooklyn Chairman. For this reason the informant believes that DAVIS is a powerful figure in the Brooklyn Communist Party and VEDRO is merely a figure-head.

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DAVE LEEDS, true name DAVE AMARIGLIO

According to ND 588, this individual is a Greek Jew born in Salanika, Greece. LEEDS formerly occupied the position of Finance Secretary in District No. 2 and when last known by the informant he was Kings County Press Director. LEEDS was assisting BEN DAVIS in setting up security measures in the Brooklyn Communist Party.

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200 2.104 [redacted]
According to the informant, this individual is a veteran of World War II and represented some veterans organization in a committee hearing in Washington, D.C. a few years ago. He has a brother who is a broker in a Wall Street office.

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In January, 1950, when the informant left the Party, [redacted] was occupying the position of Kings County [redacted] and was [redacted] of the Kings County Review Commission.

200 2.104 [redacted]
The informant knew this individual only byname as the [redacted] [redacted] for the Kings County Communist Party. He believed [redacted] to be an up-and-coming member of the Party who had a favorable future ahead.

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200 2.108 [redacted]
Confidential Informant ND 588 stated that [redacted] presently occupies the position of [redacted] of the Kings County Communist Party, purely by virtue of the fact that the Kings County organization required [redacted] among its top officials. Several years ago the Brooklyn organization was criticized for its lack of [redacted] leadership and it was [redacted] who was picked to occupy the position of [redacted].

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200 2.108 [redacted]
The informant was only casually acquainted with [redacted] and last knew of her as Kings County [redacted]. He stated that she originally is from the Ohio area and is considered as [redacted] in the Brooklyn Communist organization.

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200 2.108 [redacted]
The informant believed that [redacted] of CHARLES KROBART, former Communist Party National Treasurer, was a key person in the Kings

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County Communist Party. According to ND 588, [] is a member of the National Review Commission and enjoys the confidence of the top leaders of the Party. The informant knew her as a person of [] origin, who came originally from Chicago, Illinois.

ND 588 first made the acquaintance of [] in the winter of 1948 in connection with the investigation of anti-Party activities in the Crown Heights Section of Brooklyn. At that time [] was the Crown Heights []. Later, ND 588 learned that [] was [] both at the Jefferson School of Social Science and in county and section schools.

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JAMES FORD

The informant considered FORD to be a tradition in the Communist Party. He pointed out his having run as Vice President of the United States on the Communist Party ticket on several occasions.

It was the informant's belief that FORD was given the position of Chairman of the Bedford Stuyvesant Section of the Kings County Communist Party merely as an easy job in which he would have sufficient time to devote to his writings.

He felt that all major decisions in the Kings County Communist Party would require the consultation of JAMES FORD. He believed that FORD at the present time might even attend national plenums in view of his former importance in the Party.

Since 1945 the informant has known FORD to be a member of the National Review Commission.

JACOB "POP" MINDEL

The informant stated that MINDEL was a long time Communist who sponsored [] in his rapid rise in the Kings County organization. According to the informant, MINDEL occupies no official position in the Brooklyn Communist Party at the present time.

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NY VALLACH

Approximately three years ago, the informant became acquainted with NY VALLACH in connection with his anti-Party activities. At that time

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[] was a rising Communist in Brooklyn but had peculiar ideas that the Party should concentrate on quality members. On the other hand, the Party leadership felt that the Party should concentrate on quantity and from that quantity achieve the quality desired. As a result of these anti-Party statements, the informant believed that [] would be squashed for any leadership in Brooklyn.

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See p. 113
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The informant has often heard the name [] mentioned as a Kings County Communist Party official but does not know the exact position occupied by this person.

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The informant personally knew this individual to be a leader in the Waterfront group in the Kings County Communist Party.

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This individual, according to ND 588, is a [] and is presently working [] or in some clerical capacity on the 9th floor of 35 East 12th Street. This individual, according to the informant, is a Brooklyn girl and formerly occupied the position of [] in the Kings County Communist Party Headquarters at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

See p. 116
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According to ND 588, [], who was the Kings County [] in 1949, was removed from his position because of white chauvinism shortly before the informant left the Party in January, 1950.

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The informant did not know who might comprise the County Committee Secretariat or whether any commissions were functioning in the Kings County Communist Party. He indicated, however, that in his opinion [] [] BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS, [] and JAMES FORD were the leading figures in Brooklyn, together with the titular heads, [] and [] and that these individuals comprise a close clique which ran the Communist Party in Brooklyn.

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Physical Description of County Headquarters

The informant advised that he had been to the County Headquarters in Brooklyn on two occasions and described it as a small office partitioned off into four or five small compartments, one of which was used as the office of CARL VEDRO, another used as the office of [redacted], a third used as a reception room, the fourth used as a clerical room which housed the switchboard, and the last compartment used as a mimeographing room.

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At the time that he was present at County Headquarters, [redacted] [redacted], BEN DAVIS, [redacted], CARL VEDRO and [redacted] were present in the office.

County Organization

The informant stated that the Kings County Communist Party was split into several sections and several hundred clubs but did not feel that any regional setup had been established. (In the year 1950 the Kings County Communist Party was divided into five regions, according to Confidential Informant ND 419.) ND 588 stated that the Brooklyn Communist Party concentrated on the waterfront and metal industries.

On only one other occasion was the informant present at a Brooklyn Communist Party function and that was to give a lecture on Titoism somewhere in the Brownsville area of Brooklyn.

Membership

According to the informant's best recollection, the Brooklyn Communist Party comprised 6500 members in 1948. It was his estimate that the Party was losing 20% of their registered members each year.

Underground Operations

Confidential Informant ND 588 stated that all section headquarters in Brooklyn would have a mimeograph machine available, either in their section headquarters or in the home of one of their trusted members. At the present time the mimeograph machines in the homes of members may not be used in all sections. Rather, the membership in some sections might make use of mimeograph machines in local American Labor Party or International Workers Order Headquarters.

The informant stated that he had knowledge of a photo offset machine being shipped to Brooklyn around 1947. This machine was stored unopened in the shop of a cabinet maker or carpenter in Brooklyn, and was for

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use in the event that the Party had to go underground. The informant promised to try to recollect some identifying details regarding the location of this machine.

Security Measures

Confidential Informant ND 588 stated that he was confident that all CP files had long ago been removed from the county office and that whatever records might be kept would be maintained in private homes of trusted comrades. He felt that the only records which might be kept at the present time would be those regarding financial matters which would be required in connection with income tax or social security laws.

The informant stated that BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS and DAVE LEEDS were in charge of the security setup of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, and stated that in the latter part of 1948 an experiment was conducted in Brooklyn to test the security regulations. This experiment was carried out by BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS and DAVE LEEDS and, according to the informant, was unsuccessful.

According to the security plans existing at the time the informant left the Party, County functionaries were to alternate being in County Headquarters at one time so that in the event of mass arrests all would not be arrested at one time. County functionaries were to know each others' jobs in order that the Party might continue to function in the event that some officials were apprehended.

Confidential Mailing Addresses

The informant volunteered that [redacted] of CHARLES KPHASBIN, deceased Communist Party National Treasurer, might well be picking up letters for the National Party leaders because she was a member of the National Review Commission and a highly trusted Party member.

Expulsions and Disciplinary Action

2/10 The informant advised that disciplinary action was taken in mid 1948 against [redacted] as a result of accusations he made against JACOB "POP" MINDEL at the County Convention in July, 1948, and [redacted] was found guilty and denied the right to teach in Party schools for a period of one year.

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The informant also informed that disciplinary action had been taken against HY LEVY for his white chauvinism in not allowing Negroes to occupy his apartment in Stuyvesant Town.

The informant also referred to charges which were brought in February, 1947 against [redacted] and [redacted], all of whom were removed from their official posts in Brooklyn for an indefinite period.

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322-11-1 The informant also furnished a letter in the handwriting of [redacted] who was expelled for white chauvinism sometime in 1948, requesting a reconsideration of his case by the National Review Commission.

Miscellaneous


Confidential Informant ND 588 stated that ARTHUR MILLER, a Lieutenant in the New York City Police Department, was known to him to be a member of the Communist Party for fifteen years. According to the informant, MILLER is assigned to the Prospect Park Station in Brooklyn and lives in the Ozone Park area in Long Island.

ND 588 stated that MILLER [redacted] whose names are unknown to him, who are Communist Party members.

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Information pertaining to the above-named individuals, as furnished by the informant, will be disseminated to the proper case files of the New York office and the Bureau.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHMIDT,
Special Agent in Charge

U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

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October 11, 1950

Director, FBI

Re: INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT NO-588

Dear Sir:

Bureau File # 100-16172
Ben Talmadge
10/2/51

The above captioned Informant, when interviewed on October 6, 1950 regarding legislative activities of the Communist Party, stated that it was the function of the Legislative Secretary of the Communist Party on the national, state and county level to maintain a reservoir of information on a wide variety of subjects dealing with legislative and domestic issues. By having material incorporating the Communist Party viewpoint readily available on every issue, Informant said, the Communist Party was able to quickly furnish unions and other organizations complete information on a wide variety of subjects. According to the Informant, organizations utilizing these services found themselves increasingly dependent upon the Communist Party for up to date material on issues of the day and in time knowingly, or otherwise, accept the Communist Party interpretation of current issues.

National Level

Informant said that on the national level all divisions of the Party, including the specialists in farm, trade union, negro work, and cultural activities, as a matter of practice, funneled all available information

cc: 100-13473 (SIMON GERSON)
100-50094 [REDACTED]
100-80636 (LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, CP, USA)
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regarding their respective fields to the Legislative Bureau of the Party where it was reviewed and processed so as to provide a ready source of material on legislative and domestic issues incorporating the Communist Party outlook.

With the completion of material reflecting the Party approach to the most up to date and varied subjects, he said it was then the function of the National Office of the Party to make such material available to Communist Party headquarters throughout the country. The district offices thereafter were enabled to quickly furnish unions and other organizations in their areas with complete and current information on a wide variety of subjects. Here again by eliminating the need for research by local organizations who consulted them on legislative and domestic issues, the Informant said the Communist Party was able to gain influence and to project its line in that area on a wide variety of issues.

New York State Level

The Informant said that the Legislative Bureau of the Party in New York State was made up solely of SIMON GERSON, New York State Communist Party Committee Member, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], and was located in three rooms on the fourth floor of Communist Party Headquarters at 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

Informant stated that a complete legislative library with books, publications and pamphlets on a wide variety of subjects was maintained on the fourth floor of the Headquarters and the library was augmented through the efforts of SIMON GERSON, who endeavored to get on the mailing list of every possible group in an effort to keep posted on current issues.

Informant also said that GERSON was at times called in to give a report on New York State legislative activities at the Panel on Legislative Activities at the National Plenum of the Communist Party, but as far as the Informant knew, GERSON did not participate further in Party plenums. In general, GERSON devoted his attention to the all out strategy on political campaigns, coalitions and acted as a spokesman for the New York

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State Board, Organization Department, while [] he said, was more concerned with the domestic issues arising out of consumer groups. She devotes much time to ^{the} maneuvering of various pressure groups on tenant, health, and anti-discrimination issues and to the organizing of delegations to New York City Council and Albany on issues at such times as it was felt the issues warranted such action.

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The Informant described GERSON and [] as the most "sensitive and responsible people" in the New York State Party to the reactions of the public to current issues of the day and who were able to activate the Party on issues which might have mass appeal.

County Level

Informant said that the county operation in the legislative field was best represented from information available to him in New York County where [], correlated and furnished information to unions and other groups in such finished form and so readily that these groups, as mentioned earlier, gradually found themselves accepting whole programs from the Communist Party representing research on subjects that the individual organizations could not do by itself and which in most cases was accepted without question.

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Regarding the preparation of the Communist Party Platform, the Informant said that all sections of the National Office of the Party submitted proposals for material to be dealt with in EUGENE DENNIS' speech to the convention. These proposals were culled over, trimmed and augmented after which they were finally presented by DENNIS as a report to the Communist Party convention.

After DENNIS' report to the convention, legislative activities were set up and later floor discussions were participated in, but the program receiving convention approval was always the program set up in DENNIS' original report.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD GORMAN
Special Agent in Charge.

New York 7, New York

October 12, 1950

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Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK COUNTY
COMMUNIST PARTY, INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMANT NO 538
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-3-4)

Dear Sir:

On October 3, 1950, the above Informant was interviewed concerning the organization, officials and activities of the New York County Communist Party.

This Informant advised that in 1948 New York County had an estimated membership of ten thousand members. He further advised that he believes, from his personal knowledge of Party activities, that the Party has lost twenty to thirty-five per cent of its membership during the past two years, and that he would estimate that New York County now has between six thousand and six thousand five hundred registered members.

The Informant advised that it has been estimated by Communist Party officials that should the Party be forced underground, it would keep only ten per cent of its 1948 registered members. He said that this figure was arrived at in the Party's study of underground activities in Europe. He stated that, using ten per cent as a figure, the New York County registered members would be around one thousand, if the Party was forced underground. The Informant also stated that New York County had a large industrial concentration, and many members of the Party, being in industrial clubs, might stay in the Party in the underground apparatus.

The Informant advised that in 1947 and 1948, JAMES TORRELL, former Organizational Secretary of New York County, with [redacted] New York County [redacted], made the plans to break New York County down into regions.

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The Informant stated that [] got hold of some Consolidated Edison maps of New York City, showing nationality groups in the borough, and through the use of these maps, six regions were set up, each region was supposed to represent a nationality or industrial area which had similar problems. The Informant stated that the six regions were the Lower West Side region of Manhattan, which comprised the transportation, teamsters and village section of New York City. The second was the Lower East Side region, which contained a large group of Italian and Jewish low income class people. The third region was the Upper West Side region, which was the white collar group of the Party. The fourth region was the Upper East Side region, which contained the Spanish section of New York City, plus the 18th Congressional District of which VITO MARGANTONIO is the elected representative in Congress. The fifth region was the Washington Heights region, which consisted of white collar and professional people. The sixth region was the Harlem region, which consisted of the colored members of the Party.

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The Informant advised that these community regions had been used by the Party since about 1947, in order that the Party could concentrate in these regions on various political and economic issues. He further advised that New York County also had the industrial sections, which were set up separately from the community sections and that they operated in shops, factories, unions and small business establishments.

Concerning the original breakdown of New York County, the Informant advised that in late 1949 there was some discussion in the Party to abandon the regional setup and to go back to the section and club organization again, in order to give closer administration to sections and clubs by the County organization. The Informant stated that it had been found that some criticism had been made by Party leaders that the regions were too large and unwieldy for Party work, and that in line with Party desire to break down the clubs into the smaller units, it had also been suggested that the regions be discontinued; however, the Informant had no further information in this regard.

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, according to the Informant, is the number one man in New York County. The Informant stated that CHARNEY acts as County Chairman, and is also a member of the New York State Secretariat. He advised that CHARNEY is law trained and that he specializes in political activity in the Party, especially in regard to the political events in the 18th Congressional District. He advised that CHARNEY is the contact man with the Party to

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VITO "MACANTONIO". He advised that CHARNEY speaks Spanish fluently, and that he is the Party leader in the Puerto Rican field. The Informant stated that CHARNEY is regarded by the Party as a very able and capable leader.

[redacted], according to the Informant, could be classed as the [redacted] in New York County. According to the Informant, [redacted] acts as [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] took JAMES TORMEY'S place in the Party when TORMEY left to secure a job in the Communist Party Defense Office during the trial of the eleven Communist leaders. He advised that [redacted] was a former [redacted] for the Philadelphia District of the Party, and that he has been in New York about three years, having worked in the building trade section of New York County prior to his becoming [redacted]. He described [redacted] as the industrious type of comrade, very quiet, unassuming, but "a shrewd" comrade. The Informant advised that [redacted] job entails the [redacted].

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[redacted] according to the Informant, is [redacted] and could be classed as the [redacted] in the County setup. He advised that [redacted] was a former [redacted] in Buffalo, New York, and he is considered by the Party as an up-and-coming comrade who is slated for better jobs in the Party. He believed that [redacted] was probably a member of the New York State Board of the Communist Party. The Informant stated that the Communist Party thought enough of [redacted] to find him a house in Queens when he arrived in New York City. The Informant advised that this was unusual for the Party to make efforts to find housing for Party leaders.

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HERBERT WHEELDIN, according to the Informant, acts as Regional Director of Harlem. He advised that WHEELDIN is a colored veteran and is a very important figure in the County setup, as well as acting chairman of the New York State Negro Commission.

[redacted], according to the Informant, is [redacted] of New York County, is a [redacted] College graduate and a native of West Virginia. He advised that she is [redacted], and is a very capable woman regarding political affairs in the Party. He advised that [redacted] is a very able speaker, knows how to mix well and has a very shrewd analytical mind. He advised that [redacted] was former [redacted] of New York County Communist Party.

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[] according to the Informant, was former [] of New York County Communist Party and is still active in New York County affairs, although he holds no position. He advised that [] is a very wealthy man, and he believes he may be a millionaire. He also advised that [] formerly lived in a very nice apartment on [], New York City, but within the last year he has bought a lovely home in New Jersey. He stated that [], although holding no position in the Party, always visited New York County regularly to discuss financial problems. He further stated that he believes [] may contribute substantial amounts to New York County.

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[], according to the Informant, is [] of the Lower West Side region of the Party, and her husband is employed by [], New York City. He described [] as a very able speaker, but a woman who had made many enemies in the Party because she was an "under-handed sort of a person", who would try to do things "behind a person's back". He also advised that the Party had trouble with [] because she was not security conscious and would talk too much over the telephone.

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The Informant further identified the following persons as being active in New York County affairs:

Name	Position
TED RASSETT	Educational Director
[]	[]
[]	Active in the Distributive Trade Union work for the County
[]	Active in the Needle Trades Union for the County
EVELYN WIENER	Regional Director of the Lower East Side
[]	Former [] of Upper East Side, believed now assigned to the Distributive Trade Section of the County

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Name	Position
[redacted]	Upper East Side [redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	Machinist Union Informant advised that this person frequently consults with GEORGE FLAKE CHARNEY and ROBERT THOMPSON.
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	Active in the Needle Trades Union, [redacted] Section
[redacted]	[redacted]

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The Informant advised that the following persons comprise the New York County Secretariat:

GEORGE FLAKE CHARNEY

[redacted]
HERBERT WEISBERG

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The Informant also advised that the Secretariat is the organization which actually makes the decisions and runs the County. He stated that GEORGE FLAKE CHARNEY is the leading figure in this group.

The Informant advised that the following persons comprise the Review Commission of New York County:

TED CASSETT

Chairman

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LENA DAVIS

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The Informant advised that the following persons comprise the
Press Committee of New York County:

Name	Position
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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The Informant advised that the following persons comprise the
Education Commission:

THO RASSETT

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The Informant advised that the following persons were members of the
Puerto Rican Commission, New York County Communist Party:

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JESUS COLON

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The Informant advised that this group meets regularly with GEORGE
BLANE CHARLEY, Chairman of the Communist Party, at Communist Party Headquarters.
He advised that New York County gives major attention to the Puerto Rican
problem.

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Regarding security in New York County, the Informant advised that JESSE WALLACH was believed to be in charge of security. He advised that WALLACH is very close to GEORGE FLAKE CHARNEY and spends considerable time with CHARNEY at Communist Party Headquarters. The Informant advised that WALLACH occupies no position in the Party and attends few meetings. He also advised that in late 1948 or early 1949, the County purchased from the State Communist Party one hundred twenty hand operated mimeograph machines, which were to be used in case the Party was forced underground.

It should be noted that these machines were described in letter to the Director, dated September 28, 1950, captioned "INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND 533; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". The Informant advised that these one hundred twenty machines were placed in charge of JESSE WALLACH, who had the job of placing them in the hands of trusted Party members in New York County.

The Informant described JESSE WALLACH as follows:

Name:	JESSE WALLACH
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately 40
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	125 pounds
Build:	Small
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Black
Marital Status:	Believed married
Residence:	10 East 17th Street, New York City, top floor
Facularities:	Very sensitive, lean face
Brother:	IRA WALLACH, writer for "Daily Worker"

Regarding the maintenance of records for New York County, the Informant advised that he believed few records were kept on the third floor of 35 East 12th Street, which is the headquarters of the County; however, he stated that in 1948 and 1949, the records were in charge of [REDACTED], and they might be kept in her home.

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The Informant further advised that [] was very friendly with a girl named [], who was formerly employed by the New York County Communist Party and who was [] in the Chelsea Section of the Lower West Side region of the Communist Party. It is believed that this [] may be identical with [], who was employed as [] for New York County Communist Party, and who is also a member or an officer in the Lower West Side section of the Communist Party.

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The Informant described [] as follows:

Name:	[]
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Age:	[]
Height:	[]
Weight:	[] pounds
Hair:	Brown
Marital Status:	Believed single
Peculiarities:	Wears heavy, thick horn-rimmed glasses; "fish mouthed"; wears hair combed straight back in a knot.

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The Informant believed that because [] was so close to [], she [] may have, or have knowledge of, records of New York County.

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The Informant also advised that [] Lower West Side [] of New York County Communist Party, helped take care of County records and membership lists, and it is possible that records might be kept in her home.

The information received concerning individuals mentioned in this letter is being disseminated into the individual case files for the Bureau and New York Office.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

New York 7, New York

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October 13, 1950

Director, FBI

Re: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NEW YORK
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND-538

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to New York teletype dated September 28, 1950.

Confidential Informant ND-538 was interviewed at the New York Office on September 27 and October 3, 1950, by SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR regarding his knowledge of espionage activities. The informant for the most part had no specific first-hand information regarding espionage activities; however, information furnished by the informant is set out herein.

A. SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

ND-538 had no information regarding activities of Soviet Intelligence Services in the United States. He had no specific information regarding the Communist Party apparatus or the extent the Communist Party is used by Soviet Intelligence. He had no information regarding any Communist Party connections with the Comintern apparatus. He had no information regarding Communist Party connection for espionage purposes with the Embassy of the U.S.S.R. or any of the satellite countries or consulates of the same.

He was not acquainted with and had no information concerning any party organizer connected with the Soviet Embassy who would be a channel for instructions to or from the Communist Party. The informant had no information regarding any cover companies connected with Soviet Intelligence.

He stated he had no information regarding any connection of the Amtorg Trading Corporation with the Communist Party in matters of espionage, or any information regarding the transfer of funds by the Amtorg Trading Corporation through the Party to espionage agents. He stated ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN, who until recently was connected with the Amtorg Trading Corporation as counsel, must have been "in on a lot of deals". This was a surmise on the part of the informant and he could not elucidate on the activity of NEEDLEMAN.

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He stated that NEEDLEMAN would have frequent contact with the Communist Party. The informant said that when NEEDLEMAN'S name came out in the JUDY COPLON case as having been suspected to giving information to the United States Government, this was vigorously denied by NEEDLEMAN; however, a seed of suspicion was planted in the minds of Communist Party functionaries and this may have been the reason for NEEDLEMAN having severed his connection as counsel with the Amtorg Trading Corporation. The informant is definitely of the impression that NEEDLEMAN did have a fear that he might be prosecuted for violation of the Registration Act as a result of his employment by the Amtorg Trading Corporation. The informant advised further that all Communist Party members who worked for the Amtorg Trading Corporation in the early 1930's were cut off from the Party and became members-at-large.

B. COMMUNIST PARTY UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES

1. UN EMPLOYEES

The informant stated that Communist Party members who become employees of the UN are automatically made members-at-large.

2. COVER COMPANIES

WELWEL WARSZOWER, with alias WILLIE WEINER, who is the unannounced National Treasurer of the Communist Party, operates an export-import business on Madison Avenue between 40 and 41st Streets, according to the informant. It is the recollection of the informant that this business is located in a large office building on the East side of the avenue. He was not aware of the name of this company. He also stated that WARSZOWER operates another business in the downtown area of New York. He could furnish no specific information as to the name, location, or type of business of this downtown firm. The informant felt that these two operations of WARSZOWER were cover companies for the Party either as sources of funds for the Party or as espionage covers.

With regard to the Madison Avenue company, the informant stated that [redacted] was on the payroll for a few months before [redacted] went to Hungary. He stated that [redacted] is now in jail in Hungary accused by the Hungarian Government of being a British agent.

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Another export-import business is operated by BERNIE CHESTER, with alias BERNARD SCHUSTER, on the sixth floor of a building located at 1 Union Square,

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New York City. CHESTER is the unannounced Treasurer of the New York State Communist Party. The informant feels that this may be a cover for one of the two purposes set out above in connection with the business organizations of WARZOVER.

It is noted that in both these instances, the operators of these businesses are unannounced treasurers of the National and New York State Communist Party. This may indicate that these are covers for financial purposes rather than espionage purposes.

3. EARL BROWDER

The informant stated that during the EARL BROWDER regime, the Party functionary who would act as liaison between the open party and the underground organization would be EARL BROWDER himself. Either ROY HUDSON or JACK STACHEL would also be acquainted with this activity inasmuch as they were the closest Party functionaries to BROWDER.

4. JOHN WILLIAMSON

Since the end of BROWDER'S regime until the present time, the Party functionary who would have acted as liaison with the underground organization, would be in the opinion of the informant, JOHN WILLIAMSON, and to some extent, JACK KLING. KLING is presently the Chairman of the Wisconsin Communist Party. The informant recalled that on one occasion WILLIAMSON asked him if he knew anybody who was travelling to South America. WILLIAMSON, according to the informant, was very close to J. PETERS. He stated that WILLIAMSON was undoubtedly aware of PETERS' activities and when PETERS was in trouble immediately prior to his departure from the United States, WILLIAMSON was very much concerned about him, PETERS. In this connection, during this period WILLIAMSON'S wife was constantly with him which was an indication to the informant that WILLIAMSON was much concerned regarding PETERS' status.

5. RUDY BAKER

The informant recalled that RUDY BAKER became a District functionary in New York City in 1930. PETERS at that time was a District Organizer in New York City. BAKER took LILLY SZIRTES, PETERS' wife, away from him and a terrific fight between BAKER and PETERS ensued. Soon thereafter, BAKER left New York and went to Detroit, Michigan, and became District Organizer. He was indicted for his activities in the "Ford Furger March".

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The informant stated that BAKER "skipped" out of the Detroit area and immediately went "undercover". In 1935 or 1936, the prevailing gossip around Party headquarters was that BAKER was acting as the representative of the American Communist Party in Canada. According to the informant, BAKER kept away from the Communist Party headquarters building in New York City and took part in no open party Communist Party activities except to conduct small classes in the Westchester area. He also gave a lecture on China about 1941 to students of the Communist Party National Training School. The informant stated that BAKER was the cause for much concern in respect to his teaching of the Westchester classes. He stated that BAKER was all mixed up in his Communist Party political thinking and it was necessary to supplement his classes with other lecturers who would correct BAKER'S errors.

The informant continued that [] in the Spring of 1949, told him that RUDY BAKER had become a Titoite and had left for Yugoslavia. When the informant heard this, he immediately contacted BETTY GANNETT at Communist Party headquarters. GANNETT dismissed the rumor abruptly and merely told the informant to "forget about it". On the basis of BETTY GANNETT'S reaction, it was the informant's suspicion that BAKER went to Yugoslavia as a Communist Party "plant". The informant stated that BAKER'S wife also went to Yugoslavia with him.

6. PASSPORT DEALINGS

The informant said he had no knowledge of any passport rings operated by or in connection with the Communist Party. He stated it was altogether possible that the Party functionaries could make contact with the consulates of various satellite countries to effect transportation out of the United States. By way of illustration, he cited the case of J. PETERS. He said that PETERS went to the Hungarian Consulate and got a passport as a Hungarian subject. The informant stated that, of course, any such arrangement would have to be made through EUGENE DENNIS or JOHN WILLIAMSON.

7. DEPARTURES FROM THE UNITED STATES

100-12376 The informant said that he saw GERHART EISLER in the Communist Party Headquarters building shortly before he departed the United States. He said he did not know who EISLER contacted at this time. It was the informant's belief that the EISLER departure was effected on the "waterfront", but he had no specific information in this regard.

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The informant said he had no information regarding any instance of money having been furnished to any individual for the purpose of surreptitiously leaving the United States. He said he did not know the identity of the Communist Party functionary who would furnish money for this purpose. He was convinced, however, that such a transaction would have to be cleared through EUGENE DENNIS.

8. PERSONAL COURIER SYSTEM

The informant was not aware of any organizational set up in the Communist Party where couriers were used to transmit or carry messages or documents to the Communist Party. He stated that he knew seamen were used extensively for all purposes by the Party.

He said that GEORGE WATT, National Secretary of the Youth Commission, was the person who handled the organizing of seamen for Party purposes. The informant further stated that it is his belief that anybody connected with the "ninth floor" at Communist Party Headquarters travelling abroad or within the United States would be used as a courier. Highly trusted Communist sympathizers would also be used.

With respect to connections of the Communist Party with Communist Parties of foreign countries, the informant mentioned specifically that he was quite sure that there must be a connection between the American Communist Party and the Cuban Communist Party. In this regard, he cited the instance when ISRAEL AMTER went to Cuba in the Winter of 1949-1950 to recuperate. The informant stated that somebody from the Cuban Communist Party made the trip to New York and accompanied AMTER to Cuba. He continued that this matter was handled by BERNIE CHESTER.

9. LECTURER AT COMMUNIST PARTY NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL

The informant recalled that in 1941 while a student at the Communist Party National Training School, New York City, he attended a lecture on "Dialectics of Nature". This lecture was given by an unknown Professor of Chemistry at Columbia University. He recalled that this individual bragged to the class about his frequently going to the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, to "smash atoms". The informant said that this individual must have been a Communist Party member inasmuch as it was a high honor to teach and influence future leaders of the Party at this training school. The informant

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described the lecturer as about [] years of age (1941); height, []; weight, [] pounds; hair, blonde; eyes, blue; build, frail; marital status, married; residence, [] New York City. The informant recalled that [] with alias [] picked up this unknown professor in his car and drove him to the class. [] is the [] of the Communist Party in New Orleans and the of AL GAPP, the well-known cartoonist.

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10. YALE GRADUATE IN SOUTH AMERICA

The informant recalled that the person whom he described as a Yale graduate went to South America in 1935 or 1936 and spent a few years there either in Brazil or Argentina. This was a special assignment of the Party and this individual engaged in Party work. The informant stated that this person has since returned to New York City and is presently living as a respectable businessman somewhere in Queens County, New York City.

The informant stated that for years since his return from South America, this person has been "out of the picture". It is the suspicion of the informant that he is now engaged in undercover work for the Party. He stated that before he went to South America, this individual spent sometime on the "ninth floor" at Headquarters. He is considered a valuable person.

Prior to his going to South America, this individual was the Educational Director of the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut under WOJFSY (phonetic) in the early 1930s. His wife was at one time Organization Secretary to SAM KRIEGER, who is the Section Organizer in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The informant assumed that this man and his wife met and were married in Connecticut. He stated that he recently met this individual and his wife on Long Island, continuing that they had a summer cottage in Island Park, Long Island. They apparently maintain their connection with Party members since the informant knows that they are friends with []. This [] is an employee of the Rotograph Company, 817 Broadway, a Communist Party owned printing firm. They are also friendly with [], a Queens Communist Party functionary.

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This unknown individual is described as twenty-five or twenty-six years of age (1932-33); height, 6'0"; weight, 165-170 pounds (1932-1933); brown hair; blue eyes; may wear glasses; married; and has a son [] years of age. The wife of this individual is described as follows: Approximately

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forty years of age (1949); height, 5'3"; light brown hair, turning gray; blue eyes; peculiarities, open - pretty face. The informant stated that the wife of this individual was a "Jewish girl from Philadelphia".

11. ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

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The informant stated that in approximately the spring of 1949 he was with BERNIE CHESTER on a Saturday morning in BEN'S Luncheonette, 12th Street and University Place. A man who was unknown to the informant came to their table and asked CHESTER to come to his (unknown man's) place on 10th Street to talk to BROTHMAN. CHESTER was reluctant to go, saying something to the effect that he (BROTHMAN) should take care of his own troubles.

The informant stated that ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN was present during this discussion. He also interceded for BROTHMAN. He said that NEEDLEMAN either came with the emissary or was there having coffee with CHESTER and the informant. CHESTER did go to the emissary's place. The informant viewed a photograph of JULES KORCHEIN. He stated that there was some similarity in the photograph to his recollection of the above-mentioned emissary and said that he was possibly identical, but he was not definitely sure. The informant described this emissary as follows: 48 to 50 years of age (1949); nationality, American; dark brown hair; blue or brown eyes; approximately 5' 11" to 6' in height; build, lean; residence, 10th Street between University Place and Fifth Avenue; peculiarities, mustache, looks like professional-type man, smooth talker, looked like Bohemian intellectual.

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On the following Monday or Tuesday, CHESTER related to the informant details that led to BROTHMAN'S trouble with the Communist Party. In approximately 1948 two girls, whom he now recalls to be MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ and GERTRUDE KOGAN, invited BROTHMAN to speak before the Hetti Lapatine Club, Chelsea Section, Communist Party. In his speech, BROTHMAN attacked the Party leaders and defended EARL BROWDER. Subsequently, in August, 1948, at the Section Convention (not National Convention) a resolution criticizing the Party leadership was introduced by MOSKOWITZ and KOGAN. The informant stated that in the 1948-1949 registration the Party refused to register MOSKOWITZ and KOGAN. They were also in trouble because they refused to contribute substantially to the Party Fund Drive.

In explaining his willingness to talk to BROTHMAN about his troubles, CHESTER told the informant that BROTHMAN was one of the top

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plastic chemists in the United States; that he had contributed substantially to the Communist Party previously; and that he wanted to settle his troubles with the Party arising out of his critical speech at the above-mentioned club before he went to Switzerland. CHESTER told the informant that BROTHMAN had promised that when he returned from Switzerland he would make a substantial contribution to the Party. The informant stated that he did not know MOSKOWITZ and KOGAN were received back into the Party; however, he knew that no further action was taken against BROTHMAN.

The informant then went on to say that BROTHMAN was not a member of any Communist Party branch, but was a member-at-large. During the war years, he was responsible to BERNIE CHESTER and thereafter he was responsible to [redacted]. The informant stated that BROTHMAN must have been held in high regard by the Party. There could be no other reason for his success in avoiding being purged because of his pro-BROWDER sentiments. CHESTER told the informant that BROTHMAN was not a firm person and that he was jittery all the time. In this connection, he told the informant of an incident in 1944 or 1945 when BROTHMAN and CHESTER had a meeting in a restaurant in New York City and CHESTER at that time received something from BROTHMAN. During the course of the meeting, a photographic flash bulb went off in the restaurant and BROTHMAN was very much worried that a photograph had been taken of this meeting.

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A photograph of BROTHMAN and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ were exhibited to the informant, but he failed to recognize them. The informant stated that he had never seen either MOSKOWITZ or BROTHMAN.

12. BERNIE CHESTER

The informant stated that CHESTER definitely was connected with JACOB GOLOS. He said that he assumed there was a connection because CHESTER was "not around" when the ELIZABETH BENTLEY story broke in the newspapers. He said that CHESTER remarked to him that GOLOS should not have gotten mixed up with BENTLEY, whom he (the informant) referred to as GOLOS' girlfriend. As further substantiation of this connection, he offered the following story:

In the summer of 1949 during the trial of the eleven Communist leaders, he, the informant, brought the members of the National Committee of the Communist Party to "Cohen's Place" for a meeting. "Cohen's Place" was a studio apartment on the third floor of a building on the north side

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of 22nd Street, just east of Seventh Avenue situated between a hotel and the corner. The building is for the most part a business building, but COHEN occupies a studio apartment on the third floor. His name was on the directory and mail box on the door. The informant stated that there was a suitcase in the place which contained a 35mm. camera, a stand and a lamp. The camera was focused to photograph documents. He said that the lavatory in the studio appeared to be used as a developing room.

The informant said that he believed that "Cohen's Place" had been used by CHESTER for photography for several years and that JACOB GOLOS had also used it. It is to be noted that ELIZABETH BENTLEY has stated that CHESTER attended JACOB GOLOS' funeral. COHEN was described as follows: age, 50 to 55 years (1949); height, 5' 4" to 5' 5"; weight, 135 to 140 pounds; hair, blondish; eyes, blue; occupation, artist.

The informant stated that CHESTER told him that he was in Mexico some time during 1940 or 1941 and that JACK STACHEL was there at the same time. The informant continued that CHESTER in 1940-1941 was active in the Communist underground. He stated that he had two female agents in the Confidential Squad of the New York City Police Department. These two female agents obtained a complete list of the Confidential Squad of the New York City Police Department and furnished the same to CHESTER. With the aid of this list, according to the informant, CHESTER succeeded in exposing policemen who had been planted in the Communist Party by the New York City Police Department.

The informant related that CHESTER is the unannounced treasurer of the New York State Communist Party. He is not aware of the name of CHESTER'S company. He knows that his office is located on the sixth floor at 1 Union Square West, New York City, in the rear of the building. He is listed on the building directory as BERNARD SCHUSTER. He is certain that he has occupied this space since 1945. He does not know his telephone number. He has never had any employees to the informant's knowledge. In fact, the informant has seen CHESTER do his own typing. The informant last visited CHESTER'S office in October or November, 1949.

13. STEVE NELSON

The informant stated that NELSON had an extraordinary war record on the part of the Loyalist forces in the Civil War in Spain. When he returned to the United States, EARL BROWDER immediately placed him on the

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National Committee of the Party. Sometime thereafter, he was made Party Organizer at Oakland, California. The informant remarked that this was a most insignificant job for a man of NELSON'S ability. He thought that there was a good reason for this, but he could not elucidate. The informant stated that he had no knowledge of any espionage activities on the part of NELSON. He was not aware of any connection of NELSON with RUDY BAKER.

He stated that while NELSON was the head of the Nationalities Group of the Communist Party, he kept particularly close watch on the Yugoslavian situation and this interest continued after he withdrew from his position with the Nationalities Group. The informant stated that NELSON was not "politically bright", but he was very courageous and an extremely loyal Party member. It was the opinion of the informant that NELSON would perform any assignment that the Party requested. He stated that on one occasion when he was present in NELSON'S office, a seaman brought a package of papers to NELSON from Japan. This package contained Japanese Communist Party newspapers. The informant remarked that it was unusual for an ordinary seaman to have direct access to the office of any Communist Party functionary.

The informant also stated that NELSON was particularly security conscious, and that when a person came into his office he would immediately take the telephone off his desk and put it into a closed drawer of his desk.

G. MISCELLANEOUS

1. MOISCHE STERN

A photograph of MOISCHE STERN in the uniform of a Russian general was exhibited to the informant and he recognized this photograph as General EMIL KLAEBER. The informant stated that he, the informant, was sent to Canada in 1931 on a Party assignment and remained in Canada until the Fall of 1932. He stated that he believes he saw KLAEBER in Canada during this period.

2. JULIA STUART POYNTZ

The informant stated that around 1940 there was a rumor traveling around Communist Party Headquarters that JULIA POYNTZ had returned to Russia and was living as the wife of LAZAR M. KAGANOVICH, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of U.S.S.R.

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3. MARCEL SCHERER

The informant stated that SCHERER was very close to JOHN WILLIAMSON. He stated that SCHERER is a very intelligent and capable individual and very much trusted by Party functionaries. The informant pointed out that he believed SCHERER had his training in Russia and he would be a very logical person for illegal work of the Party.

4. JOE STAROBIN

The informant stated that STAROBIN was a very trusted person by EUGENE DENNIS and BETTY GANNETT. He stated that he had never heard of STAROBIN before the war, but he became Foreign Editor of the "Daily Worker". In the opinion of the informant, STAROBIN was a very shallow writer and knew little about foreign affairs. He stated that on one occasion he remarked to BETTY GANNETT that STAROBIN lacked the knowledge of and wrote poor articles regarding foreign affairs and BETTY GANNETT in turn remarked, "You don't know what the situation is."

The informant stated that STAROBIN was the person who contacts UN people. He was the UN Editor of the "Daily Worker". The informant stated that STAROBIN would be another person who might engage in illegal activities for the Party.

5. RELATIVE OF JUDY COPLON

The informant stated that he recalled the Membership Secretary of the Queens County Communist Party discussing the fact that either [redacted] [redacted] approached this Membership Secretary as to whether or not he should drop out of the Party when COPLON'S activities were brought to light. The decision was that this relative of COPLON should drop out of the Party at this time. The informant could furnish no information regarding the identity or description of this individual except to say that he believed he lived in Ozone Park, Queens, Long Island.

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6. PHOTOGRAPHS OF ESPIONAGE SUBJECTS EXHIBITED

Photographs of the subjects in the JULIUS ROSENBERG espionage apparatus were exhibited to the informant and he stated that he definitely recalled the face of MORTON SOBELL. He said that he connected this face with the Communist movement in the 1930's. He could furnish no further details.

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A photograph of RUTH GREENGLASS was also familiar to the informant and he connected her with the Communist Party movement in the Lower East Side area of New York City. He remarked that a photograph of [REDACTED] ALFRED SARANT, and [REDACTED] were also familiar to him, but he could not elaborate further. He failed to recognize photographs of any other members of the ROSENBERG apparatus.

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The informant viewed photographs of HARRY GOLD, ALFRED SLACK, [REDACTED], GAIK OVAKIMIAN, SEMEN SEMENOV, JACOB GOLOS, ANATOLI A. YAKOVLEV, ARTHUR ADAMS, VICTORIA STONE, LYDIA STAHL, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. He stated that the photographs of VICTORIA STONE and [REDACTED] were familiar to him. He connected STONE with the Communist Party functionaries, but could not specifically recall anything further. As to [REDACTED], he remarked about the similarity in facial characteristics with [REDACTED]. It is to be noted that [REDACTED]. Other than STONE and [REDACTED], the informant failed to recognize any other photograph.

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Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
Special Agent in Charge

New York, New York
October 13, 1950

MEMO

RE: JOW LANTNER
CNDI 588

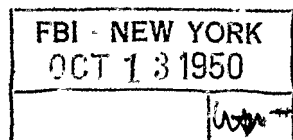
Rebutel dated 10/11/50 granting authority effective immediately
to pay ND 588 \$50.00 per week.

During the period October 8, 1950 through October 12, 1950
the informant was interviewed four times, averaging $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours each interview.

In view of the above interviews covering the Communist Party,
USA its members and its officials, the sum of \$50.00 is requested for
payment of the informant as authorized.

BRUCE I. KREIGHBAUM, SA

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New York 7, New York

October 9, 1950

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Director, FBI

RE: JOHN LAUTNER, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File 100-16177)

Dear Sir:

As the Bureau is aware, the subject has been located and interviewed. Through these interviews it has been ascertained that the subject has not been in contact with Communist Party members since January 17, 1950, at which time he was expelled from the Communist Party, U. S. A., accused of being "an enemy agent". The results of these interviews with the subject have been forwarded to the Bureau.

In view of the above, subject is no longer considered a key figure, and this case will be carried in a Closed Status.

The Bureau is requested to authorize cancellation of the subject's Security Index Card.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

cc: 66-3901
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New York, New York
October 18, 1950

MEMO

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNDI 588

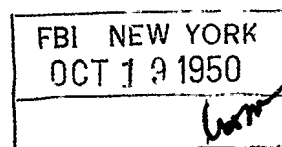
Rebutel dated October 11, 1950 authorizing the payment
of \$50.00 per week to ND 588.

During the period October 15 to October 21, 1950 ND 588 was
interviewed 4 times, each interview averaging $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The informant
submitted considerable detailed information concerning the Communist Party,
USA, its fronts and its members.

In view of the above, it is believed that the payment of \$50.00
should be made to ND 588 as authorized in referenced teletype.

BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM, SA

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New York 7, New York

October 19, 1950

MEMO:

RE: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
CIND-588
RE: CHARLES RECHT, wa;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

This is to advise that Confidential Informant ND-588 was interviewed by the writer on October 12, 1950, concerning the subject with negative results.

EDGAR G. FOREST, SA.

cc: NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 19, 1950

SAC, New York

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY

CIND-588

RE: SAMUEL BRONSTEIN, was;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Confidential Informant ND-588 was interviewed on October 12, 1950, at the New York Office by Special Agent EDGAR C. FOREST, concerning the subject who was known to the Informant as SAM BROWN.

The Informant stated that he has known BROWN since about 1933 and he furnished the following information concerning the subject:

BROWN in 1933 was Organizer for Section 2 of the Communist Party in New York City. He had been working as a paid functionary for the Party since about 1930. Before that he was employed as a painter for various companies not known to the Informant. BROWN continued to be employed by the Communist Party as a Section Organizer, Trade Union Organizer and County Secretary until 1945. The only break in this employment, known to the Informant was some time around 1934 or 1935 when BROWN worked for a short time as a Checker on the docks for the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

The Informant did not know exactly why BROWN left the employ of the Communist Party in 1945, but believed it was for one of two reasons: BROWN although not an open BROWDERITE was very sympathetic to BROWDER. The Informant believes therefore that BROWN either refused to hold office after BROWDER'S expulsion or was not offered a position by the new leadership.

The Informant noted that [redacted] and SAM WISEMAN, both associates of BROWN and both Party leaders, also became less active around the same time.

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In 1945, BROWN took over the Tempus Import Company. Informant did not know the circumstances whereby BROWN took over this firm, knew nothing of the past history of this company and knew little of the workings of this company. He noted however, that BROWN did considerable business with the Yugoslavs during this time and did everything possible to develop business with the Yugoslavs.

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Also, during this time, BROWN was operating the business on a "shoestring" and was always borrowing from the bank and was continually worried about finances. On many occasions, BROWN became intoxicated in an effort to forget his financial worries. The Informant believed that WILLIAM WEINER (who according to [] is the man regarded as being responsible for the finances of the Communist Party and who is one of the most important Communists in the movement) had an interest in Tempus, but did not take an active part in the management. Informant had no knowledge of any possibility that Tempus may have been a cover company. He did note that BROWN, during 1948, also appeared to be very interested in an export-import firm operated by [], around 39th and 40th Streets on Madison Avenue.

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In April 1948, BROWN had a severe heart attack and for the next six months or so, various friends of BROWN, mostly on the instigation of SAM WISEMAN, contributed money to help BROWN'S wife and to help meet BROWN'S living expenses. Around the beginning of 1949, MICHAEL BURD placed BROWN on the payroll of the Midland Export Company. The Informant described BURD as an old-time Communist who is a good friend of WILLIAM WEINER and who was very active in 1933 in the Workers International Relief and in the Jewish movement as a whole. He stated that BROWN did very little work for the Midland Export Company and that BURD was simply doing BROWN a favor by putting him on the payroll. He believed that BURD'S partner (identity unknown to the Informant) was reluctant to employ BROWN for reasons unknown to the Informant, but possibly because BROWN was so active in Communist Party affairs.

(It is suggested that the Informant may be referring to MORRIS BRENNER, a partner of BURD in the Midland Export Company.)

In June 1949, BROWN suffered another heart attack and around August 1949, was making plans to enter into another venture. BROWN told the Informant that WEINER was placing him, BROWN, in a business, but BROWN did not say what kind of business.

When BROWN started in this business, it was located in downtown Manhattan and latter was moved farther downtown. Informant did not know if this was a new business or possibly an established business in which BROWN was being made an officer. Informant believed it was an export business, but again it was not certain. He did note that MICHAEL BURD died about a year ago of cancer and BROWN was using BURD'S wife in his new office.

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Informant stated that it was very possible that this firm was being used as a cover company for secret Party work or espionage activity. He based this on the fact that WEINER had placed BROWN in the business and on the fact that BROWN never talked about his new work. Informant was unable to furnish any other particulars concerning this business.

(It was herein noted that the Informant has not had any dealings with the subject since the Informant's expulsion from the Communist Party in January 1950. In fact the Informant on learning of his expulsion, asked BROWN to intercede on his behalf and BROWN refused; since then both BROWN and his wife refused to speak to the Informant or even recognize him on the street. Also the Informant has reason to believe that it was BROWN who influenced the Informant's wife to divorce the Informant after his expulsion.)

(It has previously been reported in instant case file that in the latter part of 1949, BROWN was apparently employed by the Thermo Laboratories, Inc., 355 West 26th Street, New York City. Subsequent information indicated that BROWN later had an office at 136 Liberty Street, which is farther downtown in Manhattan, possibly in the office of Bulldog Concrete Forms, Inc. It is possible therefore that this may be the set-up into which BROWN was placed by WEINER.)

(The Informant did not recognize the names of these firms as being connected in any way with BROWN, although he did know that the Bulldog Concrete Forms, Inc., was formed with the help of BELLA DOPP, a former Communist Party leader. Still later information received in the summer of 1950, indicated that BROWN was then unemployed and was staying at Island Park, Long Island, New York. He returned from Island Park on September 5th or 6th, 1950 and his present employment is not known.)

The Informant noted that BROWN had spent the summers at Island Park for a number of years. In 1947, the Informant rented a place on Island Park with BROWN. BROWN did not have his own cottage, but usually rents a place.

In 1935, the subject and [redacted] were the leading organizers in a fund raising drive for the "Daily Worker" and as a reward received a trip to the Soviet Union. The Informant recalled that the subject, [redacted] and a fourth individual, all left the United States on the same boat.

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[] was making the trip in connection with her desire to become a movie actress in Soviet films and the fourth individual, a man active in a Food Union at the time, was making the trip as a visitor. All four were gone about two or three months and on returning, [] and BROWN were enemies and still are. Informant believed some disagreement arose during the trip between [] and BROWN over [] but was indefinite about this.

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The Informant pointed out that [] has a brother who is a doctor or a lawyer in Paris, France and the Informant vaguely recalls that [] and possibly BROWN made a trip to France around 1938.

(In a statement furnished to the Passport Division of the United States State Department, subject has stated that he was in France from 1936 to 1938)

In 1947, BROWN made a trip to Finland on behalf of the "Daily Worker" for the purpose of obtaining paper for the "Daily Worker", inasmuch as paper for news print was hard to obtain at that time. Informant pointed out that this whole trip was financed by the "Daily Worker", but he was unable to state what results, if any, BROWN obtained.

Again, in a statement furnished to the Passport Division of the State Department, BROWN stated that this trip was being made for the purpose of obtaining business for the Tempus Import Company. Informant knew of no other foreign travel on the part of the subject.

(It is recalled that in 1949, subject made a trip to Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago and possibly Pittsburgh, allegedly on behalf of the Midland Export Corporation).

Informant advised that he is certain that when BROWN made a trip to the midwest in 1949, he had been given a secret assignment by JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party. The Informant was unable to furnish the nature of this assignment, but had reason to believe that the subject would stop in Pittsburgh in connection with this assignment.

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In this connection, the Informant noted that the subject has had several conferences as recently as 1949, with both STEVE NELSON and JOHN WILLIAMSON. Although the Informant could not furnish any details concerning these conferences, he felt that it was certain the subject had done work for these individuals. He also pointed out that BROWN has described himself as "WILLIE WEINER'S boy", and noted that that is why WEINER had taken care of BROWN in many instances.

In 1949, subject also mentioned to the Informant that he had some business dealings with [redacted] of the Czechoslovakian Consulate in New York City, but again did not mention the nature of this business. The Informant knew of no other secret or confidential assignments performed by the subject. He pointed out, however, that BROWN is highly trusted, is very discreet and is a logical choice for secret work. He did not believe that BROWN was engaged in any actual espionage work, but admitted the possibility that such could be true.

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In this regard, the Informant noted that when a Party member such as BROWN received a confidential assignment, he did not discuss this with any other members and no other member would think of asking him about such assignment. He stated that this is why he is unable to furnish any further particulars concerning any secret assignments that BROWN has had.

The Informant noted that the subject and his wife have [redacted] [redacted] proceedings were handled by ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN. BROWN has a [redacted] who is a [redacted] and who is not a Communist Party member, but who has helped take care of BROWN when he was sick.

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The Informant believes that BROWN has another brother in New York City, but does not know his identity.

Subject's [redacted] of New Jersey, has a place in Kingston, New York and it was here that BROWN recuperated after his first heart attack. Informant noted that [redacted] is, of course, a member of the Communist Party, but he knows of no particular assignments that might have been given to her on behalf of the Party.

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The Informant listed the following as being close friends
of the subject:

[REDACTED]
WILLIAM WEINER
WILLIAM LAWRENCE
SAM WISEMAN
ISIDORE CIRBY NEEDLEMAN

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
DOCTOR MILTON FELTENSTEIN

He noted that FELTENSTEIN, a medical doctor, is BROWN'S personal physician and never charges BROWN for his services. FELTENSTEIN and his wife, according to the Informant, are both members of the Communist Party and were members in BROWN'S section years ago. FELTENSTEIN'S wife had been active in the affairs of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's immediate information and further investigation will be conducted on the basis of any information furnished by this Informant.

New York, New York

October 19, 1950

MEMO:

RE: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
CIND-588
RE: ISIDORE G. NEEDLEMAN, was;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

This is to advise that Confidential Informant ND-588 was interviewed by the writer on October 12, 1950, concerning the subject and at that time the Informant furnished the following information:

He has known the subject for a number of years and in the early 1930's the subject was a member of Section 2 of the Communist Party, New York City. This section was organized by SAM BROWN, a close friend of the subject and subject of File Number 100-21785.

The Informant stated that although the subject has been a loyal Party member, he does not know of any position to which the subject has been assigned in the Party, or to any assignment the subject may have been given by the Party.

It is noted that instant file reflects that in 1947, information was received that the subject had been named Coordinator in a directive allegedly sent out by the Executive Committee of the Central Control Commission in Russia. This directive was designated to organize a project to "unite revolutionary sections of the working class who are unattached to present internationals".

The Informant stated that he had no knowledge of any such directive being issued in which subject was made Coordinator of any type of program and believed it was very improbable that such a directive had ever been issued. It was also noted that instant file reflects that in June 1948, subject in conversation with LOUIS WEINSTOCK, discussed plans to organize a business similar to Amtorg for some unidentified country. It was indicated that SAM BROWN and others were instrumental in these plans.

Informant was questioned concerning this and advised that he had no knowledge of such a deal and if such a plan was discussed, it would in all probability have something to do with the Hungarians inasmuch as WEINSTOCK was interested in that particular field.

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It is also recalled that the subject was named as an Informant of the FBI during the trial of JUDITH COPLON.

The Informant stated that this allegation against the subject did not do him any harm in the Communist Party and that very few people, if any, would believe that the subject had actually been an Informant of the FBI. He stated that it was always his belief, on the basis of his conversations with NEEDLEMAN, that the subject had left AMTORG rather than register as an Agent of a foreign power. He does not believe that the subject was dismissed from Amtorg because of his being named as an Informant in the COPLON trial.

Informant was unable to furnish any further pertinent information concerning subject.

EDGAR C. FOREST, SA

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 MR. GANDY

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: October 19, 1950

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: CNDI - 588

Rebulet September 28, 1950 which instructed you to furnish the Bureau a summary of the pertinent information developed after each interview with the informant. In the future such a summary will not be necessary. You are instructed, however, to continue to prepare separate communications for the Bureau and interested offices under appropriate captions, incorporating pertinent information concerning organizations and individuals mentioned by the informant. As you have been previously instructed, it will be necessary to break down and channel into the appropriate files all information formerly furnished in summary form.

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New York, New York

November 3, 1950

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Director, FBI

Re: CP, USA
DISTRICT #2
WATERFRONT SECTION
NEW YORK DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-34066)

Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950, ND-588 was interviewed by SAs Frank J. Nowlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. ND-588 furnished the following information concerning the captioned organization.

The waterfront has always been regarded as a major concentration by the Communist Party.

In planning for a possible future illegal organization to engage in underground activity in case the Communist Party is outlawed, the Communist Party plans to have from forty to one hundred fifty individuals from the Waterfront Section active in such an illegal organization. These persons would be in the New York area and have already been notified that they have been selected for activity in such possible future underground. The exact number of such persons is unknown and the identity of the individuals selected is unknown.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

JAMES TORMEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that in 1947 and 1948, JAMES TORMEY, former Organizational Secretary of New York County, with [REDACTED], made the plans to break New York County down into regions. b6 b7C

According to this informant the breaking of New York County down into regions was JAMES TORMEY'S idea. Informant advised that TORMEY left the New York County organization sometime in 1948, and thereafter went to work in the Communist Party Defense Office.

According to Bureau instructions, this information received from the above informant is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

BOB SCHIRANK
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [redacted] is a member of the Machinists Union and that this person frequently consulted with GEORGE BLAKE CHARLEY, Chairman of the New York County Communist Party and ROBERT THOMPSON of the New York State Organization.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

JESSE WALLACH
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that JESSE WALLACH was believed to be in charge of security for the New York County Communist Party. He advised that WALLACH is very close to GEORGE BLAKE CHARNLEY, County Chairman and that WALLACH spends considerable time with CHARNLEY at Communist Party Headquarters. ND 588 advised that WALLACH occupies no position in the Party to his knowledge and attends few meetings.

Informant also advised that in late 1948 or early 1949, the County purchased from the State Communist Party 120 hand-operated mimeograph machines, which were to be used in case the Party was forced underground. The informant advised that these 120 machines were placed in charge of JESSE WALLACH, who had the job of placing them in the hands of trusted Party members in New York County.

It should be noted that these machines were described in a letter to the Director, dated September 28, 1950, captioned "INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CIID 588; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

The informant described WALLACH as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 40
Height	5'5"
Weight	125 pounds
Build	Small
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Marital Status	Believed married
Residence	10 East 17th Street, New York City, top floor
Peculiarities	Very sensitive lean face
Brother	IRA WALLACH, writer for the "DAILY WORKER"

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

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October 20, 1950

Director, FBI

SAC, New York

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
SECURITY MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-3-2b)

New York Confidential Informant NE 526 advised that on January 14, 1950, JACK ALINO met a high-placed Communist functionary from New York City in Cleveland, Ohio.

This New York Communist functionary was taken to a house believed to be in the Kingsbury Run area of Cleveland where he was ordered to the basement and to disrobe.

It was the informant's understanding that this New York functionary was subject to an intense three-hour interrogation during which time a lie detector and a tape recorder were utilized by L. IAG, JOE BRANDY, SAUL WILLMAN and two Party strong-arm men whose identities are not known by NE 526.

In the basement in addition to the New York Communist functionary and the five individuals described above, was a table with one half dozen links of rubber hose and several butcher knives on it, and one of the Slavic strong-arm men displayed a pistol.

The informant stated that the purpose of this gathering was to determine if the New York comrade was an informant for a United States Government Agency. The informant advised that it is his opinion that the group intended to kill the New York Communist functionary, but were afraid to do so because too many people had known that this individual was in Cleveland.

The informant advised that the New York Communist functionary along with JACK ALINO was picked up in an automobile around 105th Street and Superior Avenue in Cleveland about 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 1950, and was driven for a considerable length of time before he arrived at the house in the Kingsbury Run area. Several bridges were crossed and once during the trip ALINO stopped and made a telephone call.

CC Bufile JACOB ALINO (100-31966)
Bufile JOSEPH BRANDY (100-9479)
Bufile SAUL WILLMAN 9 (100-71585)
Cleveland
Detroit
NY 100-19249
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NY 100-18671
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SD 588 advised that when the New York comrade was finally taken from the house, he was placed in the rear seat of an automobile between two men, his hat placed over his eyes and driven around for some time. According to the informant, the New York comrade was taken out of the automobile on Superior Avenue.

It is requested that the Cleveland Office forward to the Bureau any information concerning the New York Communist functionary's visit to Cleveland on January 14, 1950, that it may have concerning this incident that may be developed through Confidential Informants.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Detroit Office for information purposes inasmuch as SAM. KELMAN has been connected with the Communist Party movement in the Detroit area.

New York 7, New York

October 23, 1950

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Director, FBI

Re: INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CONFIDENTIAL
NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT 588

Dear Sir:

Re New York letter to the Bureau, 10/11/50.

On page 5, line 3, there appears the address of Los Angeles after the name of NEIL BRANET. This should be New York. On page 6, paragraph 6, line 1, is set out the name of WILLIAM PATTERSON. This should be

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The above is being furnished so that the Bureau can change the copies of the above-referenced letter. Copies of the New York letter have been correspondingly corrected.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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66-3901

New York, New York
October 24, 1950

MEMO

Re: VETERANS MATTERS, CP, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 18, 1950, Confidential Informant ND 598 was interviewed in the New York Office by the reporting agent concerning any knowledge he had dealing with veterans matters within the Communist Party. The informant advised that although he is a veteran of World War II, he was not active in any of the veterans matters within the party because immediately following World War II, sometime in 1946, he disagreed with the policies of the Party concerning veterans matters, and was, therefore, inactive in their program.

According to the informant, the Communist Party, following World War II, tried to institute a program whereby they would infiltrate all of the then-existing veterans organizations such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. He stated that the main objective of the Communist Party was to infiltrate and gain power within the American Legion. The informant advised that this program was drawn up following the 1945 Communist Party Convention.

The informant advised that ROBERT THOMPSON, one of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders, was considered the leading veteran within the Communist Party following his discharge. The informant said that THOMPSON was considered a "hero" due to his exceptional war record. He stated that THOMPSON was the leader in the veterans problems throughout the National Communist Party movement. According to the informant, JOHN GARRETT, editor of the "Daily Worker," following his discharge from the United States Army, also became one of the leaders along with THOMPSON, of the veterans program.

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100-97854 (Union of New York Veterans)
100-26333 [REDACTED]
100-33972 [REDACTED]
100-11433 (JOHN GARRETT)

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within the National Communist Party. The informant stated that later, THOMPSON, when he became Chairman of the New York State Communist Party, was replaced by GATES as the leading veteran within the Communist Party. The informant advised that the following were all members of the National Veterans Commission of the Communist Party:

[REDACTED]
IRVING GOFF
JOHN STEUBEN

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According to ND 588, immediately following World War II, LOU DISKIN, was head of the New York State Veterans Commission of the Communist Party, and [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of the New York County Veterans Commission of the New York County Communist Party. He stated that the program set up by the Communist Party for veterans to infiltrate the major existing veterans organizations was never successfully carried out. He stated that GATES, DISKIN and [REDACTED] were the three most active veterans in the program. The informant stated that the Communist Party never made any attempt to organize their own veterans organization. He said that his own personal suggestions to the Party following World War II were for organizing such an organization, but that the leaders of the Veterans Movement disagreed and suggested the infiltration of the then existing veterans organizations.

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The informant stated that during 1947, the Party realized that the program of infiltration had been unsuccessful, and from that time on, there was practically no activity whatsoever on the part of the veterans within the Communist Party. He stated that from 1947 through January, 1950, when he defected from the Party, the veterans movement within the Communist Party did not take any active part in organization or infiltration, and that no orders whatsoever had been issued by the Communist Party as far as veterans matters were concerned.

The informant said that at the time when the Party came to the conclusion that infiltration was unsuccessful in 1947, LOU DISKIN became leader of the New York Youth Movement, and as a side line, he was still active in whatever veterans problems came up. Informant said that it was at this time that JOHN GATES became editor of the "Daily Worker" and [REDACTED] was appointed [REDACTED] to EUGENE DENNIS. The informant

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advised that the above men were supposed to handle veterans problems as a side line to their regular duties, but because of the inactivity of the veterans program, nothing was done in that regard. Informant advised that [redacted] was the [redacted] between the New York State Communist Party and veterans matters from 1947 through January, 1950.

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According to ND 588, the Communist Party did not designate anyone to be Director of the New York County Veterans Commission. He stated that there were no special assignments within the Party's various branches, and that the Party's veterans program was directed from Communist Party National Headquarters. The informant stated that [redacted], in January, 1950, was [redacted] of the Queens County Communist Party, but to his knowledge, was not Queens County Director of the Veterans Commission for the Communist Party.

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According to the informant, MURRAY GEISLER, a former member of the New York City Police Department, was active prior to 1947 in veterans matters from Bronx County, New York. He said that GEISLER, however, did not hold an official title to such a position. He stated that GEISLER later became Press Director of Bronx County, New York.

The informant stated that LEON STRAUSS was active in veterans matters within Manhattan County, New York, as a side line to his duties within the furriers industry. He said that as far as he knows, STRAUSS did not hold an official position as far as veterans matters were concerned within the Party. The informant said that as of January, 1950, when he defected from the Communist Party, there was no activity on the part of the veterans within the Party, and that no program had been directed by which the veterans would be governed.

The informant advised that [redacted] had a liaison man in the American Legion by the name of [redacted]. According to the informant, this individual lived in the neighborhood of [redacted] with his father whose name was not known to the informant. The informant advised that [redacted] was a member of the American Legion from that area, but the informant did not know the full name of [redacted].

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According to MD 588, [] also had an individual in the Chelsea American Legion Post with whom he was in contact concerning veterans matters. The informant said that this individual's name was Captain IRVING COHEN, who was a member of the Chelsea Section of the Communist Party and was also a member of the Chelsea American Legion Post. The informant stated that he could furnish no further information concerning COHEN and that this information had become known to him through his general activities in the Communist Party.

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In regard to the incident which occurred at Peekskill, New York, in September, 1949, where a riot took place between concert goers and veterans, the informant advised that the activities of the veterans from the Communist Party were handled by LEON STRAUSS who had received his instructions from ROBERT THOMPSON. The informant advised that he was not present at Peekskill, New York, during the concert, but that as far as he knows, the majority of the people were from Brooklyn, New York and the fur industry who were in attendance at the concert at which PAUL ROBESON was the guest singer.

The informant said that the only veterans organization which has been organized and controlled by the Communist Party to his knowledge is the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, which was set up and has been completely dominated by the Communist Party.

The informant said that [] was [] of Queens County, New York, in January, 1950. He said that [] was [] in Queens County under []. The informant advised that he knows of no activities in the veterans movement on the part of [].

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New York 7, New York

October 27, 1950
CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

New York Confidential Informant ND 588 advised that he became acquainted with [REDACTED] during the Summer of 1942 at a Communist Party camp which is no longer in existence, called Alaban Acres, Alaban, New York.

According to the informant, [REDACTED] assisted by his [REDACTED] were engaged in 1942 in producing plays and skits of political significance for the CPUSA at mass meetings held in Madison Square Garden and at other large front meetings sponsored by the Party. Informant added that [REDACTED] has been a member of the CPUSA for over 15 years. Informant advised that [REDACTED] and his wife have wide contacts among theatrical and artist circles in New York City.

ND 588 stated that after 1942, [REDACTED] no longer visited Party Headquarters in New York City. During the past several years, they have been eased out of Party work that would bring them into public notice but continue to organize theatrical productions for the Party.

ND 588 added that [REDACTED] owned or operated a small manufacturing concern employing approximately thirty people. Informant stated that [REDACTED] are loyal to the CPUSA and would in his opinion be valuable to the Party in an underground capacity.

cc: Bufile 100-3-84 (CPUSA Security Measures)
Bufile 100-3-90 (CPUSA Cultural Activities)
100-91861 ([REDACTED])
100-88297
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A review of the New York file entitled, [REDACTED] was;
SECURITY MATTER - C," reflects that this case is in a closed status.

In view of the above information, this case will be
reopened in the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM SCHMIDT, SAC

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New York 7, New York

October 27, 1950
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

RE: [redacted]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Informant ND 588 advised that he met [redacted] twice during 1948, both times at his home on [redacted], Manhattan. Both of these visits to [redacted] home were to collect CPUSA dues.

The informant stated that [redacted] was carried by the Party as a member at large because [redacted] did not want to have any obvious contacts with the CPUSA.

The informant continued that [redacted] stated that he was a salesman, and that in the course of his work, he makes business calls at defense plants. [redacted] was afraid that if his connection with the CPUSA were known, he would be restricted from visiting these defense plants.

The informant continued that he has no knowledge of the details of [redacted] employment but stated that COOPER is married to [redacted] for the "Daily Worker" in New York City. The informant described [redacted] as follows:

Height	5' 6"
Weight	240 pounds
Build	Stocky
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Dark

cc: Bufile 100-330707 ([redacted])
100-51951 ([redacted])
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NY 100-new

The informant stated that [] was a detective with the New York City Police Department a number of years ago, but that he has no knowledge of the details of [] connection with the New York City Police Department.

In view of the foregoing, a case file is being opened on [] in the New York Office, and investigation will be conducted to ascertain if [] should be made the subject of a Security Index Card.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHMIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York

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OCTOBER 28, 1950

Director, FBI

Re: UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO
& MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau file 100-26912)

Dear Sir:

ReNYlet to Bureau 10/11/50, captioned "INFORMATION RECEIVED
FROM CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT 533."

In accordance with Bureau instructions, information fur-
nished on October 6, 1950, by ND 588 to SA JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY is being
submitted under the captioned title for appropriate file distribution.

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO & MACHINE
WORKERS OF AMERICA (UE)

The informant stated that there is a UE section in the Communist
Party which is headed by JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary, who
has delegated the main responsibility for UE direction and policy making
to his assistants SID STEIN, Assistant National Labor Secretary, and
[redacted], New York State Communist Party. As [redacted]

cc: 100-23774 (John Williamson)
100-50090 (Sid Stein)
100-23609 ([redacted])
100- ([redacted])
100-80418 ([redacted])
100-79024 (Albert J. Fitzgerald)
100-26364 (James Matles)
100-50820 (Julius Emspak)
100-26915 ([redacted])
100-51955 ([redacted])
66-3901 (ND 538) ✓

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was a former business agent of UE, District #4, he is thoroughly acquainted with UE problems and methods of dealing with them. The informant described Communist Party control of UE as almost 100 per cent but not as "tight" as the control exercised by the Communist Party over the Fur and Leather Workers Union.

The technical staff consisting of telephone operators, clerks, international organizers and representatives operating at or out of UE headquarters at 11 East 51st Street, New York City, are completely under the direction of [redacted] to either ALBERT J. FITZGERALD or JAMES J. MATIES, Director of Organization. [redacted] was described as [redacted] of [redacted] of Czechoslovakia during World War II.

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As an example of the close control exercised by the Communist Party over UE, the informant pointed out that in May or June, 1949, SID STEIN, Assistant National Labor Secretary, and Former District Organizer of the Communist Party in New Jersey, who was brought into the national leadership picture during the Communist Party trial in 1949 came to the informant and requested a check-up of the secretary of JULIUS EMSPAK, International UE Secretary-Treasurer. STEIN suggested that [redacted] of the Communist Party in the Needle Trades Industry and who was employed in the UE office, 11 East 51st Street, New York City, be used to do the investigation in this matter. In about one week this woman whose name the informant does not know came back with a report which stated that EMSPAK'S secretary, name unknown, had been a member of the Communist Party for fifteen years. Her husband had been studying art and her only friend in the office was [redacted]. The informant interpreted this act to mean that EMSPAK had doubts about his secretary and wanted the Communist Party to check on her.

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A complete check was made on UE staff people by the Communist Party during the UE fight with JAMES CAREY of the rival right-wing union, the International Union of Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America-CIO.

UE policy unquestionably follows the Communist Party line. The Communist Party believes that they can drive the UE to follow the Communist Party line "up to the point of breaking". The UE is a vital instrument of the Communist Party in the latter's fight against the CIO, the AFL and all reactionary forces. The UE has constantly maintained a

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working class and progressive position and does not support American Imperialism, but has consistently fought for the Communist Party program. The informant noted that at the recent Fifteenth International Convention of the UE in New York City in September, 1950, that some slight "compromise" was made on the Korean question but that does not hinder the Communist Party in maintaining its control of the UE as the party wants ALBERT J. FITZGERALD to take up some bona fide trade union positions as that makes him, as well as the union, less vulnerable to reactionary attacks and criticism as being a "tool of the Communist Party."

In connection with the articles of GEORGE MORRIS, "Daily Worker" columnist, concerning the recent UE convention, the informant said that he would carefully study these articles which are a "primer" of Communist Party trade union policy in connection with the UE and report on them.

The role of the UE in the event of war is unquestionably that of slow-down, strikes, and sabotage as well as a campaign to demoralize the workers on the production line. The informant pointed out that there are "many forms of sabotage". The informant had no further information to contribute concerning a Communist Party program of sabotage in UE plants.

The Communist Party line is given to the UE by SID STEIN who personally telephones a secretary of either MATLES, EMSPAK or FITZGERALD at the UE headquarters. It is also a habit of WILLIAMSON'S and STEIN'S to consult with various trade union progressives at lunch time. These meetings are held at any large cafeteria where the meeting "can get lost in the crowd". Some possible meeting places were said to be a cafeteria located on 42nd Street, on the South side of 42nd Street near Sixth Avenue, which runs through to 41st Street, and another cafeteria located at 50th Street and Eighth Avenue which the informant described as the restaurant formerly operated by JACK DEMPSEY. Another favorite meeting place is the lobby of motion picture theaters where there are benches or settees, such as Loew's Lexington, 50th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Although WILLIAMSON pointed out at one trade union meeting at Communist Party headquarters that "we do not interfere in union problems" the informant said that this was not believed by any persons present at this meeting but that WILLIAMSON said this just "for the record".

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Most of the UE literature is published at Rotograph Company, Inc., 817 Broadway, New York City, which is controlled by the State Organization of the Party.

UE CAMP, SKY LAKE,
PAULING, NEW YORK

The informant pointed out that Communist Party schools have been conducted at the UE camp by RUDY BAKER, former Communist Party organizer of the Party who is now in Yugoslavia, and by [redacted] [redacted] affiliated with the American Committee For the Protection of the Foreign Born and the State Education Department of the Communist Party. [redacted] was sent to Sky Lake by the Communist Party in order to correct "misinterpretations" of Communist Party history by BAKER which were reported by a number of UE "students".

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It is to be noted that this information should be carefully worded in reports to further protect the informant's identity.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC.

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY is the number one man in New York County, Communist Party organization. The informant stated that CHARNEY acts as Co-Chairman and is also a member of the New York State Secretariat.

Informant advised that CHARNEY is law-trained and that he specializes in political activities in the Party, especially in regard to the political events in the 18th Congressional District. He advised that CHARNEY is a contact man for the Communist Party with VITO MARCANTONIO.

ND 588 advised that CHARNEY speaks Spanish fluently and that he is Party leader in the Puerto Rican field. Informant stated that CHARNEY is regarded by the Party as a very able and capable leader. Informant further advised that CHARNEY is a member of the New York County Secretariat.

According to Bureau instructions, this information received from the above informant is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

EVELYN WIENER
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that EVELYN WIENER was Regional Director of the Lower East Side Region of the Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

ESTHER LETZ
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [redacted] was active in distributive trade union work for the New York County Communist Party.

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According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

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INTERNAL SECURITY
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On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [redacted] is a member of the Review Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: LEO GALLAGHER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual on April 5, 1951:

LEO GALLAHER is known as the West Coast
attorney for the Communist Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-335

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 COT

New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: LILLIAN F. HELLMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

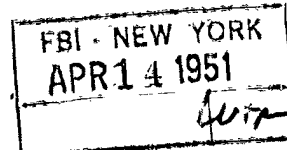
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

LILLIAN F. HELLMAN, playwright, was rumored to
be a candidate in the Congressional District where FRANKLIN
D. ROOSEVELT, JR., was running. There was a frantic effort
on the part of the Party leadership to stop this rumor.
GEORGE BLAKE, New York County Chairman, was very much
embarrassed about this rumor. The informant stated that he
suspects her to be a Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- (GEORGE BLAKE)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

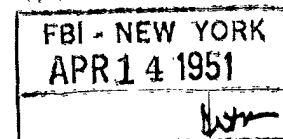
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that the above-captioned individual
is unknown to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: VINCENT HALLINAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned
individual is unknown to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

EWB:EED
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FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951	<i>[Signature]</i>
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding the above-captioned individual:

The informant stated that he knows a [REDACTED] who was for awhile [REDACTED] of the Civil Rights Congress before [REDACTED] came from Chicago. He was suspected by the Party of misappropriation of funds and bureaucratic methods of work and was eased out from C.R.C. He wrote a pamphlet for C.R.C. and was head of a delegation of one of the C.R.C. crusades to Washington in 1948.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901
100- Wm. ([REDACTED])

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EWB:EED
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66-3901-339

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
[REDACTED]

New York, New York.
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

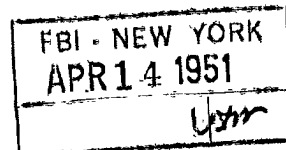
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

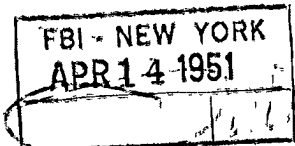
The informant stated that he knows a [REDACTED]
who is an attorney from Chicago, Illinois. She was in the
Communist Party during 1938 - 1939. Her present status
with the Party is unknown to the informant.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-342

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 <i>Dr</i>
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JULIUS EMSPAK
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

EMSPAK is Secretary - Treasurer of the United
Electrical Workers Union. He sponsored the Hungarian Labor
Committee in 1946. In 1949 SID STEIN, Assistant Labor
Secretary of the National Committee of the Communist Party,
was very much concerned with security around JULIUS EMSPAK
and order a check on the technical secretary of JULIUS
EMSPAK. He is known as a Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

100- (SID STEIN)

EWB:EED
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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
for

New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that the above-captioned individual
is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (D&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-344

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951

New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: CLARK HOWELL FOREMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-323

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 <i>dw</i>
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

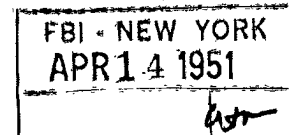
Re: DEWITT CLARENCE GILPIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

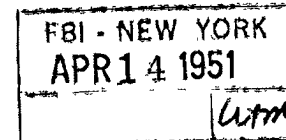
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

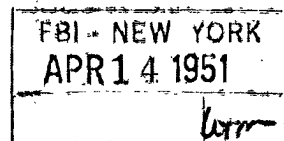
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

Re: STEPHEN FRITCHMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-387

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: EWART GLADSTONE GUINIER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding the above-captioned individual:

GUINIER, Negro, is an official of the Office and Professional Workers Union. He is a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, having been a member since 1945. He attended State Committee meetings. He gave reports.

The informant recalls in particular one occasion when GUINIER attended a State Committee meeting in the Albert Hotel on University Place.

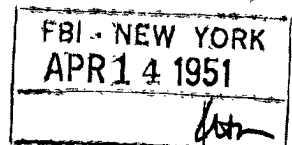
[redacted] and is also
a member of the Communist Party.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

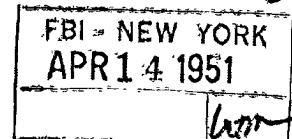
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that [REDACTED] name sounds
very familiar to him, but at the present time he cannot
place him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

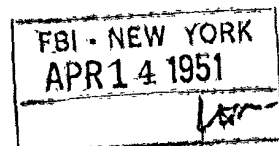
Re: HARRY GOTTLIEB
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual on April 5, 1951;

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[REDACTED] who in 1948
represented the Sheet Metal Workers Union, A.F. of L.
One of the workers, a member of the Communist Party, by
the name of [REDACTED] (ph.), brought charges against
[REDACTED] in the Party. The charges were handled by
the lawyer section under the leadership of ABRAHAM UNGER,
attorney.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

100- ([REDACTED])
100- (ABRAHAM UNGER)

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66-3901-325

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 wm

New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ISRAEL RICHARD GLADSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, advised that the above-captioned individual is the Communist Party attorney on the West Coast. He was one of the defenders of the Communist National Committee.

The informant stated that GLADSTEIN is known as a Party member, but that he did not see GLADSTEIN'S Party card.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

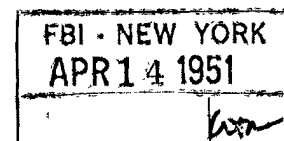
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-348

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 <i>h</i>

New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: SAMUEL DASHIELL HAMMETT
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual;

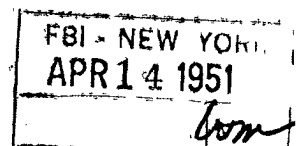
HAMMETT, who is an author and writer, was
chairman or president of the Committee for Constitutional
Liberties in 1941. His name appears on numerous sponsoring
lists.

The informant suspects HAMMETT of being a
Party member but did not see his Party card.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: WILL GEER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual on April 5, 1951:

WILL GEER, the movie actor, is the grandson in
law of Mother REEVES BLOOR, National Committee member of
the Communist Party, and was a Master of Ceremonies at a
party given for Mother BLOOR in Philadelphia in 1948 by
the Philadelphia District of the Communist Party at which
National Committee members were present. He is a close
friend of BURL IVES and [redacted]. His Party affiliation
is unknown, but the informant suspects him to be a Party
member.

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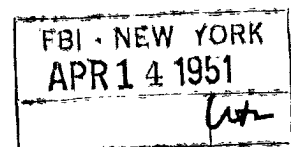
GEER had a farm right across George Washington
Bridge and associated with known Party members in that com-
munity like [redacted] and others.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓
100- (Mother Reeves Bloor)
100- (Burl Ives)
100- [redacted]
100- [redacted]

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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

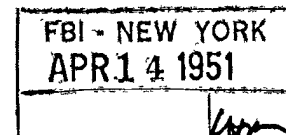
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned
individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: WOODY GUTHRIE
SECURITY MATTER - C

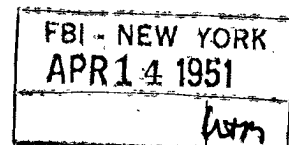
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

WOODY GUTHRIE is an actor. The informant
stated that he has seen GUTHRIE'S name on numerous sponsor-
ing lists. The informant does not know GUTHRIE'S Party af-
filiation but suspects him to be a Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

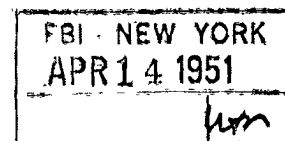
[REDACTED], who is a [REDACTED] appeared
at numerous Party affairs as an entertainer in the 1930s.
The informant stated that he does not know her Party
affiliation.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-311

FBI - NEW YORK	
APR 14 1951	
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] family,
is active in the Women's Federation and is a close co-worker
of [REDACTED] of the New York State Women's
Commission of the Party in 1948 and 1949.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

100- [REDACTED]

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FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 [Signature]
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New York, New York
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that the above-captioned individual
is unknown to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-314

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New York, New York
April 9, 1951.

MEMO.

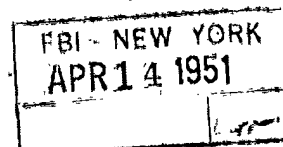
Re: RALPH HARRISON GUNDLACH
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

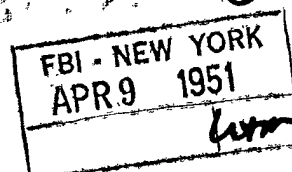
Re: EVANS CARLSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

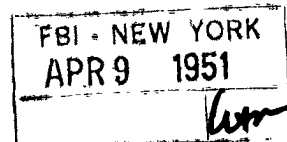
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

** 66-3901*

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc.

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

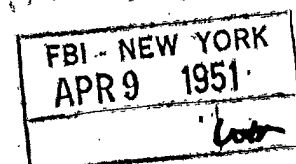
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information
concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

CC: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

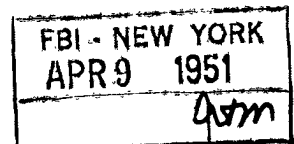
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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66-3901-307

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
<i>Wm</i>

New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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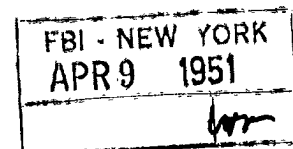
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

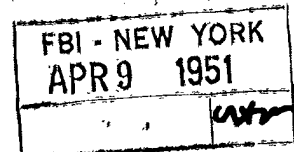
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning the above-mentioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:

SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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66-3901-307

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
<i>Wm</i>

New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE is a photographer, a world
traveler, and Life Magazine employed her from time to time
traveling in the Soviet Union extensively.

She is high standing in her profession and I never
knew her as a Communist Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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66-3901-303

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

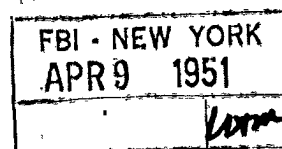
Re: MORRIS CARNOVSKY
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

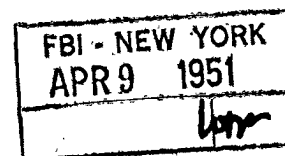
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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66-3901-300

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
<i>Wm</i>

New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

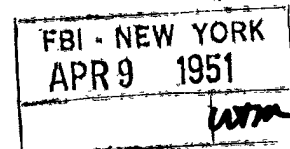
Re: ABE BURROWS
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

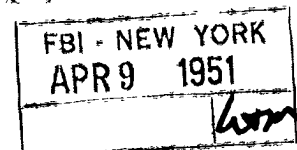
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:pmc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WALTER B. CANNON
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901.

EWB:amc
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66-3901-217

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: EDWARD G. CARTER
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

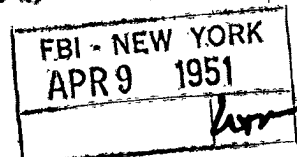
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO..

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning the above-mentioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

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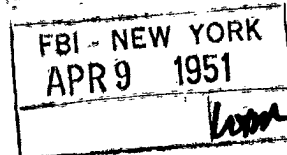
Re: SIDNEY ROBERT BUCHMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information
concerning this individual

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

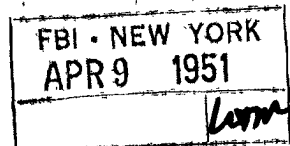
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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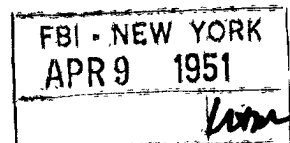
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JAMES CAGNEY
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

There was a rumor in the 1930s that CAGNEY was a
"good-time Charley" for all Progressive causes on the West
Coast, especially during the Spanish War.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
<i>Law</i>

New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

CAMERON is an official of the United Electrical
Workers in Brooklyn and a member of the Communist Party. At
one time he participated in a Communist Party gathering at the
McAlpin Hotel to discuss certain measures to prevent the United
Automobile Workers in Brooklyn from making inroads in the UAW
Shop. At this meeting, besides [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from Distributive Trades, were also present.

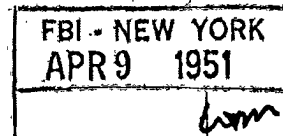
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓
[REDACTED]

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HAROLD R. CHRISTOFFEL
SECURITY MATTER - C

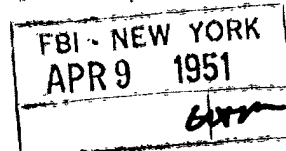
There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

CHRISTOFFEL is a former official of the United
Automobile Workers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a leader
of the Ellis Chalmers strike. He was also present at National
Committee, Communist Party meetings in the late 1930s, 1936,
1937, and 1938.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

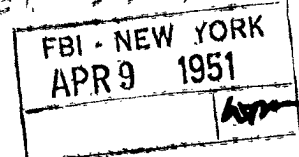
[REDACTED] is an official of the Distributive Trades.
He is a Party member and at one time around 1948 the Party was
very much concerned about his personal behavior, which came to
the attention of the Party that he was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Brooklyn. This person in Brooklyn was
the one who was supposed to expose the Columbians in Atlanta,
Georgia. She received a lot of publicity, particularly in
Life Magazine.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JOSEPH R. BRODSKY
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

JOSEPH BRODSKY was a charter member of the Communist Party, attorney, dead. He was founder of the law firm situated at 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At present the law firm is in the hands of ABRAHAM UNGER, [redacted] and [redacted] who are considered the Party attorneys today. ABE UNGER is Section Organizer of the Lawyers Section of the Communist Party.

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JOSEPH BRODSKY played a prominent role in the leadership of the Party at all times from its very inception. At Party conventions his picture is placed prominently behind a speakers podium with other Party members who died in the course of years.

BRODSKY was also the legal representative of the International Workers Order. He helped in the formation of the IWO in the early 1930s. He was also associated with the Scottsboro case. [redacted] is a charter member of the Party and for years has conducted an insurance business out of [redacted].

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[redacted] is highly regarded as a trusted member of the Communist Party, who handles finances for the Party from time to time. His place at [redacted] is used for informal meetings and gatherings where Party problems are discussed.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

(ABRAHAM UNGER)
[redacted]

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

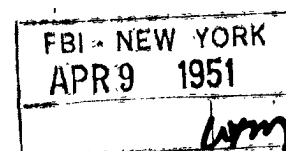
Re: CHARLES S. CHAPLIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information
concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

is an official of the Fur Workers Union. He
is consistently a candidate on the American Labor Party ticket
for various offices as a member of the Communist Party, and so
is his wife.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK	
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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MILLEN BRAND
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

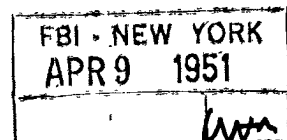
MILLEN BRAND is the author of "The Outward Room" and other novels. In 1941 he was lecturer at New York University at Washington Square, New York City. He lived, in 1941, not far from Quakertown, Pennsylvania. MILLEN BRAND is a Party member. His name appears from time to time on sponsoring and supporting lists of the Communist Party.

I met him in 1941 at MOTHER BLOOR's farm.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901,
(MOTHER BLOOR)

EWB:amc
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New York, N. Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

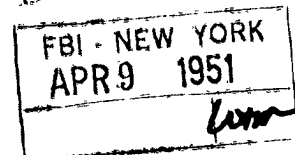
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: Wa.,
SECURITY MATTER - C

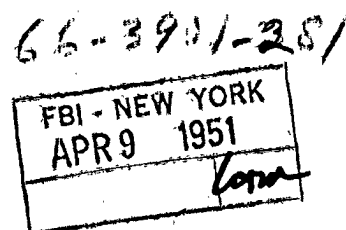
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

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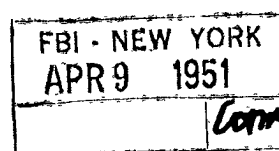
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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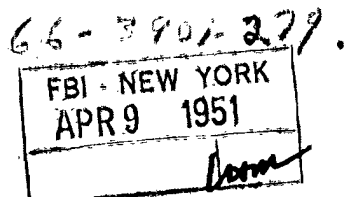
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish any
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

FRANZ BOAS
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

FRANZ BOAS is connected with Columbia University and
is a Professor of Anthropology. His name appeared from time to
time on sponsoring lists on various causes supported or initiated
by the Communist Party.

In 1946 or 1947, or earlier, one of his secretaries was
a person by the name of [redacted]. This [redacted] was later
on a full-time functionary or official for the Friends of the
Soviet Union or a similar organization which sponsored so-called
good relations with Soviet Russia.

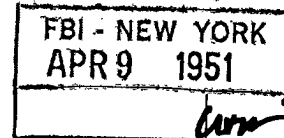
In 1948 a Party member from the upper West Side, former
[redacted] came to the State Review Commission of the
Communist Party complaining against [redacted] that [redacted]
asked her for \$500; that there were no questions to be asked; that
this \$500 was supposed to go for the support of some one who is
stranded in the country. [redacted] later on, tried to get
another \$500 from this person, prior to her coming to the State
Review Commission of the Communist Party.

When the State Review Commission tried to ascertain
whether this money was used for a legitimate purpose as indicated
by [redacted] he failed to appear to a prearranged hearing. How-
ever, he sent [redacted], where she declined
to state what the money was used for and accused the Chairman of the
State Review Commission in the following words, "How do I know you
are not an FBI Agent," as an excuse for not revealing what the money
was used for. Later on, the accuser reported the fact that the
\$500 was paid back to her by [redacted].

cc: 66-3901 ✓

([redacted])
(V. J. JEROME)

EWB:amc
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MEMO

[redacted], during the war period and shortly following the war in 1946, attended National Jewish Bureau Party meetings. V. J. JEROME, Cultural Director of the Communist Party, spoke highly of him and tried to smooth over this difficulty, which [redacted] found himself in in relation to this money.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

New York, N.Y.
April 9, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

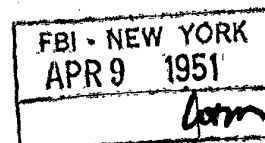
There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

[REDACTED] is, at present, [REDACTED] of the
American Labor Party in the Bronx and also a member of the
Communist Party, formerly associated with Friends of the Soviet
Union. He is seen often in the Party building discussing
problems pertaining to his work.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: CLIFFORD J. DURR
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual on April 5, 1951:

Rev. CLIFFORD J. DURR is associated with the
Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, with headquarters
at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Rev. DURR in the
1948 May Day celebration had a Party pass to the platform
for both him and his wife. The informant does not know
DURR'S Party affiliation.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:

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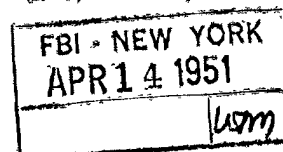
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

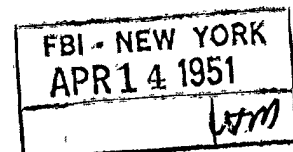
Re: LEE J. COBB
SECURITY MATTER - C

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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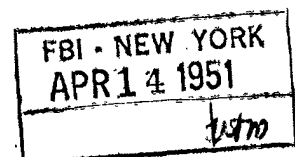
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JOSEPH COHN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information on April 5, 1951,
regarding the above-captioned individual:

The informant stated that he knows a JOSEPH COHN
who was a Communist Party State Senatorial Candidate on the
Lower East Side when he lived around 12th Street and Second
Avenue. However, the informant stated that he is definite
that this is not the same JOSEPH COHN.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

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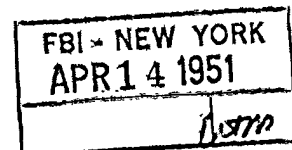
Re: NATHAN EINHORN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ;
SECURITY MATTER - C

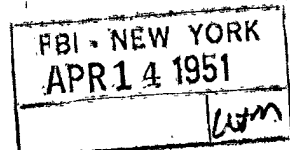
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that all he knows regarding the
above-captioned individual is that he is a song writer.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: EUGENE P. CONNOLLY
SECURITY MATTER - C

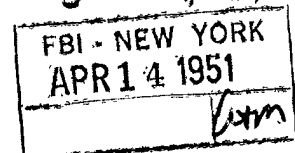
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

CONNOLLY is a former Jeffersonian Democrat who
supported the LaGuardia Election Campaign. He has been in
the Party since the middle 1930s. He was a candidate and
was elected as a Councilman on the American Labor Party
ticket, but since the re-constitution of the Party in 1945
his difficulties developed with the Party. In about 1948
GEORGE BLAKE, Chairman of the New York County Committee of
the Communist Party, stated that CONNOLLY was expelled from
the Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓
100- (GEORGE BLAKE)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
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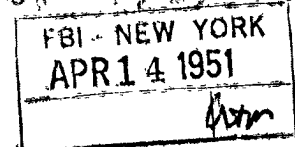
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: AARON COPLAND
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HOWARD G. COSTIGAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: BRUCE CRAWFORD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual on April 5, 1951:

CRAWFORD is a Southern editor. During the
period, 1937-39, he was head of the Writers' Project in
West Virginia, living in Palestine. He gave financial
contributions to the Party. He was not a Party member in
West Virginia; this, according to the informant, does not
mean that he was not elsewhere.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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100-3901-215

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
<i>Wm</i>

New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

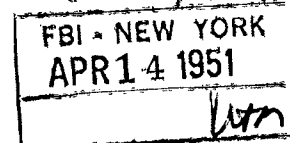
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW DANA;
SECURITY MATTER - C

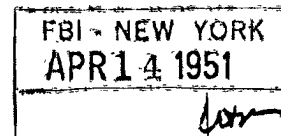
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual;

Mr. DANA was very active in the early 1930s in
the anti-Fascist League. The informant stated that the last
he heard of DANA was when he was arrested in Massachusetts
on charges of having illicit relations with boys.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
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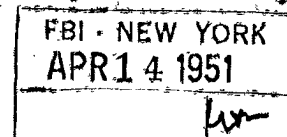
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[REDACTED], a sculptor, has given his name to
many sponsoring lists supported or initiated by the Party;
however, [REDACTED] party affiliation is unknown to the
informant.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: LEONARD HOWARD DECAUX
SECURITY MATTER - C

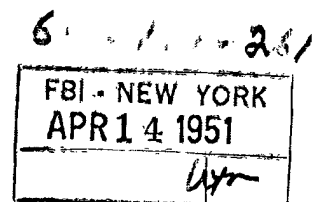
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

DECAUX, who is editor of the "CIO News", is well
thought of by the Communist Party; he may possibly be a
Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that the above-named individual is
unknown to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-250

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951


New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WILLIAM EDWARD DODD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he does not know the above-
captioned individual,

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EBD
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66-3901-239

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-248

NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
<i>[Signature]</i>

New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: OLIN DOWNES
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he does not know the above-
named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-257

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 <i>hmm</i>

New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MURIEL DRAPER
SECURITY MATTER - C

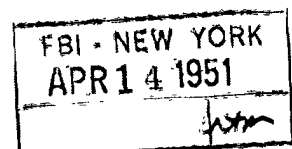
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned subject:

MURIEL DRAPER is the mother of PAUL DRAPER.
Her main activity is in women's work. She is a member of
the National Women's Council, a close co-worker of CLARA
BODIAN (ph.), and coordinator of women's activities for
the party in 1949. MURIEL DRAPER was delegate to the
International Women's Congress in Budapest, Hungary. She
is known to be a Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- (PAUL DRAPER)
100- (CLARA BODIAN)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: W. E. B. DuBOIS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned subject:

DuBOIS is one of the leaders and officials of
the National Association for the Advancement of Colored
People and is gravitating toward the Party and its position.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-215

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JAMES DURKIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

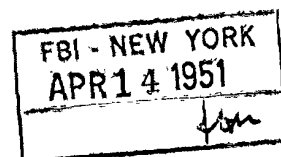
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned subject:

DURKIN was the National President of the Office
and Professional Workers Union after the leader, LEWIS
MERRILL was expelled by the Communist Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- (LEWIS MERRILL)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: PAUL DRAPER
SECURITY MATTER - C

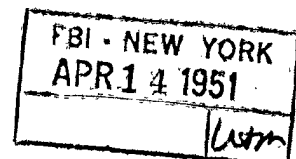
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned subject on April 5, 1951:

PAUL DRAPER, dancer, is the son of MURIEL
DRAPER. He performed once at a Party-sponsored meeting
in Madison Square Garden around 1946. His Party affilia-
tion is not known to the informant.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓
100- (MURIEL DRAPER)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York.
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: ROBERT W. DUNN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that ROBERT W. DUNN, known as BOB DUNN, is head of Labor Research at 799 Broadway. He is an old-time Party member and has attended numerous enlarged National Committee meetings of the Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-254

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 lum

New York, New York.
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ALFRED DRAKE
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-257

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

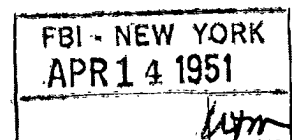
Re: E. Y. HARBURG
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-named individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding the above-captioned individual:

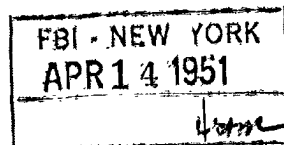
The informant stated that back in the 1930s [REDACTED] won a subscription contest to the "People's World" and was sent to the Soviet Union as a member of a delegation. In the 1930s she was known as a member of the Young Communist League.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: JOSE FERRER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

JOSE FERRER is a recent winner of the Academy
Award. The informant stated that he saw FERRER'S name on
sponsoring lists. His Party affiliation is unknown.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-218

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

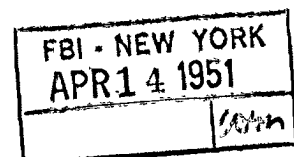
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HENRY PRATT FAIRCHILD
SECURITY MATTER - C

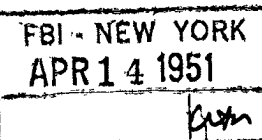
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

The informant saw FAIRCHILD'S name on numerous
sponsoring lists; however, he does not know if FAIRCHILD
is a Communist Party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

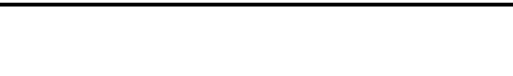
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:



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SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-211

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
<i>Wm</i>

New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: FLORENCE ELDRIDGE,
aka Mrs. Fredric March;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding
the above-captioned individual:

The informant stated that besides lending her
name to sponsoring lists the only connection he knows of is
that her understudy in her last play was one of the [redacted]
girls, the [redacted], who is a former county
organizer of the Communist Party in the Bronx, New York.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- [redacted]

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EWB:EED
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66-3901-211

FBI - NEW YORK APR 14 1951 <i>lum</i>

New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: BARTLEY CRUM;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual:

CRUM is a San Francisco, California, attorney.
He has given his name to numerous sponsoring committees
that were initiated by the Communist Party. He was a
delegate to Palestine. He wrote a book. His party
affiliation is unknown to the informant.

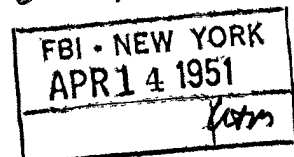
The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

CC: 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3701-243



New York, New York.
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-242

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
<i>WAM</i>

New York, New York.
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ;
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-281

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
<i>Wm</i>

New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

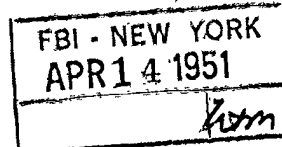
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JEROME DWIGHT DAVIS;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant advised this on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-257

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HUGH DE LACY
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual:

He was a left-wing member of the Commonwealth
Party in the State of Washington. He was elected to
Congress on the Democratic ticket. It is rumored that he
is a Communist Party member. In his campaign in the State
of Washington he received the full support of the Party.

The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-208

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
<i>/s/</i>

New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

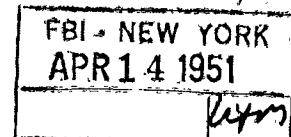
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised that the above-captioned individual is unknown
to him. The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MARTHA DODD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYT 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned subject:

MARTHA DODD'S name appeared on various sponsor-
ing lists supported, and some initiated, by the Communist
Party. She is the daughter of former Ambassador to Germany
DODD.

The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-236

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: JOHN GARFIELD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regarding the above-captioned individual:

In a conversation in 1949 with [redacted] of the Jewish Labor Council, [redacted] said that on his tour to the West Coast at one of his intimate parties JOHN GARFIELD, the movie actor, was invited and was present. [redacted] was former [redacted] of the Communist Party in New York State. He spoke highly of GARFIELD; the informant thinks he is a Party member although he did not see his Party card.

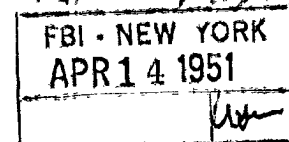
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- [redacted]

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EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WILLIAM GROPPER
SECURITY MATTER - C

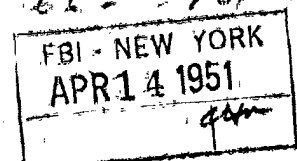
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

GROPPER has been a cartoonist for the "Morning
Freiheit" for the last twenty years. He left for Poland
in 1948 or 1949 and refused to come back. His wife is
active here in the C.R.C. He is a party member.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

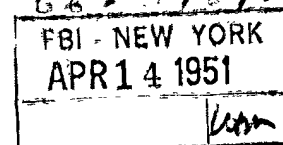
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

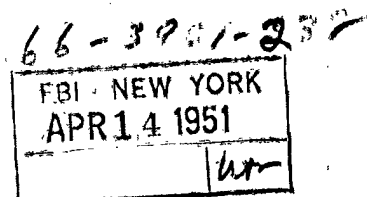
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York.
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

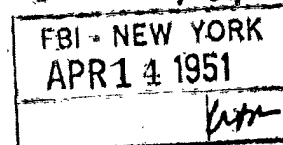
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO:

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

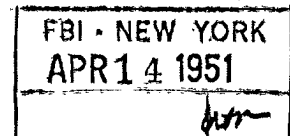
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Confidential Informant NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

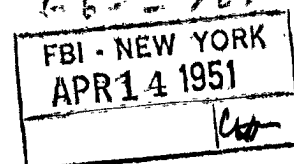
[REDACTED] is very closely associated with the top
leadership of the Progressive Party. In 1949 he visited
TITO and on his return wrote pro-TITO articles. He is
considered a Titoite by the Party.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: HUGO GELLERT
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

GELLERT is an artist and his work appears from
time to time over the years in "The Communist" and also in
"Political Affairs". He is a member of the Communist
Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-221

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 14 1951
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

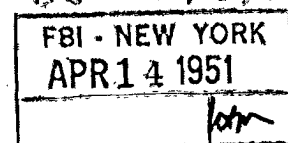
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he does not know the above-
captioned individual.

EDWARD BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

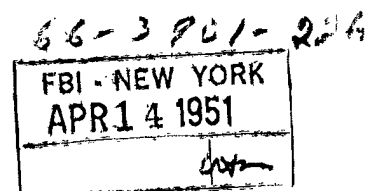
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, advised that he knows nothing about DeSILVA
except that he is a movie actor and director by occupation.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: MALCOLM COWLEY;
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
stated that he knows MALCOLM COWLEY is a writer but does
not know whether or not he is a Communist Party member.
The informant was contacted on April 5, 1951.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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66-3901-225

FBI - NEW YORK
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, as follows regarding the above-captioned individual:

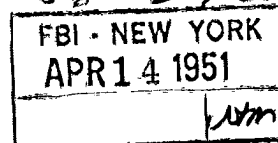
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[REDACTED] of the State, County, and Municipal Workers Union. He is considered a Communist Party member although the informant has never seen his Party card.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) advised on April 5, 1951, as follows regarding the above-captioned individual:

[REDACTED] The informant saw him once at a mass meeting sponsored by the Party which the informant thinks was in Madison Square Garden.

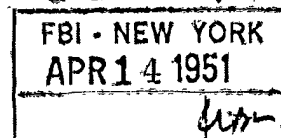
The informant advised that there is another [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was a [REDACTED] of the Communist Party in Baltimore in the late 1930s.

Since the informant came back from the Army in 1945 he saw [REDACTED] only on one or two occasions around the Party building. He must be on a confidential assignment of some sort.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 7, 1951.

MEMO.

Re; HOWARD FAST
SECURITY MATTER - C

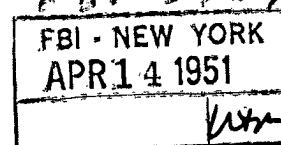
Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER) on
April 5, 1951, furnished the following information regard-
ing the above-captioned individual:

The informant has seen FAST in the Party build-
ing on numerous occasions and states that FAST is a member
of the Communist Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

EWB:EED
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New York, New York
April 6, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: NORMAN LEWIS CORWIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-captioned
individual is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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66-3901-221

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, New York
April 6, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ;
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-named individual
is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-220

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, New York
April 6, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information
regarding the above-captioned subject:

NYC 588 said that [REDACTED] name is very
familiar to him. He is either in the Transport Workers
Union or the Waterfront Section. [REDACTED] is definitely
a Party member because he was a problem from time to time.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

EWB:EED
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66-3901-217

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
<i>[Signature]</i>

New York, New York
April 6, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER- C

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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
on April 5, 1951, furnished the following information
regarding the above-captioned subject:

[REDACTED] was up until recently a functionary of
the Food Workers Union, A.F. of L. COLLINS played a lead-
ing role at the 1945 State Convention of the Communist
Party as a delegate, where he was one of the most vocal
delegates against BROWDER.

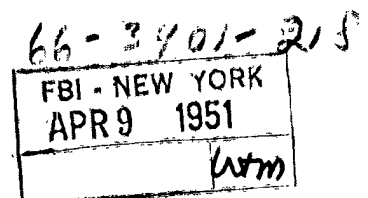
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[REDACTED] is a member of the Communist Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, New York
April 6, 1951.

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

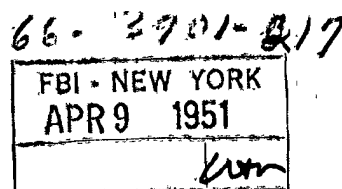
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Confidential Source NYC 588 (JOHN LAUTNER)
advised on April 5, 1951, that the above-named individual
is not known to him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 (P&C) ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: EDWARD J. BROMBERG
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by JOHN
LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

EDWARD J. BROMBERG is a movie actor. My first recollection of him is his appearance at one of the Unemployment Council Affairs at 103rd Street and Columbus Avenue in 1934 where he played a scene from the play "Scottsboro, They Shall Not Die". He played the role of the attorney who went down to Alabama to defend the Scottsboro boys.

In Party circles he was known as a Party member.

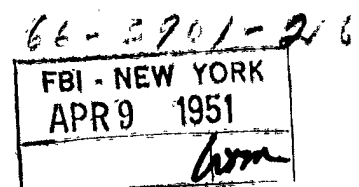
In 1948, [redacted] gave a reception at the Savoy Plaza, 58th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City. BROMBERG was present at that reception.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

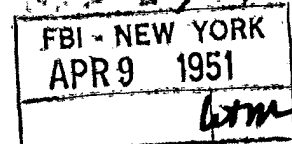
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: RALPH BATES
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:amc
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66-3901-214

FBI - NEW YORK
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: ELMER BENSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

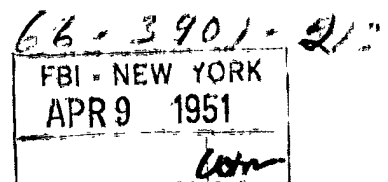
There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

The ELMER BENSON I referred to is the former
Governor of Minnesota. I do not know whether ELMER A. BENSON
is the same person as ELMER BENSON.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

EWB:amc
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: ZLATCO BALOKOVIC
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

BALOKOVIC is a Yugoslavian violinist and concert
artist. Up until the Cominform break with TITO, BALOKOVIC
was the National Chairman of the All Slav Congress. When the
Cominform broke with TITO he came out in support of the TITO
Regime in Yugoslavia.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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66-3901-217

FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

ALBERTSON is about 40 years of age, 5'6", fair complexion, round face, brown eyes, and at the present time a member of the Pittsburgh District Secretariat under the leadership of STEVE NELSON.

The last time he was known as the Organizational Secretary of the Pittsburgh District.

In 1934 or 1935 he was a member of Section 18, West Side, Manhattan, and was managing a grocery store. Later on, he became a Union functionary in the Food Union, AFL. In 1948, he was Assistant Labor Secretary to JOHN WILLIAMSON for the National Committee of the Communist Party.

He is married and his wife was with him in Pittsburgh.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901
(STEVE NELSON)
(JOHN WILLIAMSON)

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FBI - NEW YORK
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:

[REDACTED]

SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

[REDACTED] may possible be part of the
[REDACTED] family, well known in Jewish Theatrical world. [REDACTED]
may possibly be [REDACTED], although I am not positive
of this.

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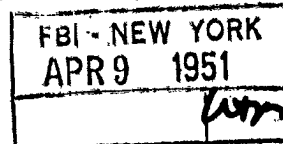
EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951.

MEMO.

Re: ELMER A. BENSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588)

ELMER A. BENSON is the former Governor of Minnesota,
and also National Functionary of the Progressive Party.

To my best recollection, he went along with C. B.
BALDWIN and voted against WALLACE in Progressive Party policies
in a recent period.

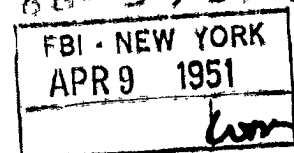
In the 1930s, the Party considered ELMER A. BENSON
as the best qualified to carry on [] policies in the
Progressive Party in Minnesota.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO,

Re: MARC BLITZSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

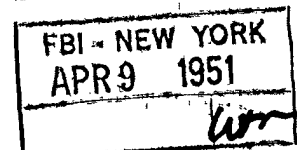
There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

At a birthday celebration for MOTHER BLOOR in
1948 in Philadelphia, organized by the Communist Party of
Philadelphia, MARC BLITZSTEIN, composer, was one of the parti-
cipants in the program and played some of his compositions on
the stage at this affair. At the same affair the Master of
Ceremonies was the Grandson-in-law of MOTHER BLOOR, who presently
appears in numerous Hollywood pictures, WILT GEER.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓
(MOTHER BLOOR)
(WILT GEER)

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

A year ago, [REDACTED] was still on the City Radio Station as a featured artist. His specialty is folk songs and he accompanys himself with a guitar.

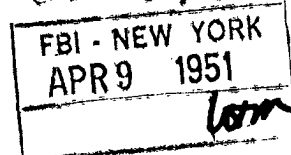
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He is considered in Party circles as a Party member. [REDACTED] was quite active in the WALLACE Presidential campaign with the so-called Wallace Caravan and he also appeared from time to time on Local 65 of the Distributive Trades so-called Nightclub programs at 131 Hester Place.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

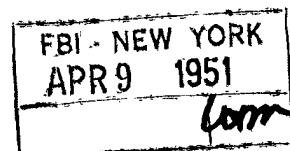
[REDACTED] is an attorney who represents numerous
labor unions. He is known as a Party attorney.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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NEW YORK, NY
APRIL 5, 1951

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CP, USA; ISC. NYC CS FIVE EIGHT EIGHT ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE RECENTLY PASSED UPON MR. AND MRS. JULIUS ROSENBERG BY JUDGE KAUFMAN IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT COURT WILL HAVE IN HIS OPINION A TERRIFYING EFFECT UPON A PERCENTAGE OF THE CP MEMBERSHIP. INFORMANT IS OF THE OPINION THAT MANY RANK AND FILE PEOPLE AS WELL AS LEADERS ON A SECTION LEVEL IN THE CP WILL BECOME FRIGHTENED AND CONCERNED OVER THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY BECAUSE OF THE DEATH SENTENCE GIVEN TO THE ROSENBERGS. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE MANY COMRADES WHO REALIZE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSTANTLY CHECKING ON THEIR ACTIVITIES WILL BE SCARED AWAY FROM FURTHER CP ACTIVITY FOR FEAR OF BEING ARRESTED IN THE EVENT THE CP IS OUTLAWED RESULTING IN THEIR RECEIVING SEVERE JAIL SENTENCES, ETC. INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT THE COMRADES WHO HAVE BEEN PARTY MEMBERS EMPLOYED IN SUCH POSITIONS AS ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC. WILL IN HIS OPINION ALSO BE SCARED AWAY FROM FURTHER PARTY ACTIVITY BECAUSE THEY WILL THINK THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR OCCUPATION THE GOVERNMENT WILL WATCH THEIR ACTIVITIES CONSTANTLY RESULTING IN THEIR POSSIBLE ARREST IF THEY ARE ENGAGED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. INFORMANT STATED THAT PROFESSIONAL CP PEOPLE, SUCH AS ENGINEERS, DRAFTSMEN, ETC, IF ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY MAY ALSO DECIDE TO "CLEAN THEIR HANDS" AND COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. INFORMANT STATED THAT BASED UPON HIS CP EXPERIENCE A SEVERE SENTENCE, SUCH AS A DEATH SENTENCE, UPON PEOPLE WHO WERE IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER CONNECTED WITH THE PARTY, SUCH AS THE ROSENBERG CASE, ALWAYS CC: NY 66-3901 ✓

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HAS A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT TO THE SUCCESS OF PARTY ACTIVITY. INFORMANT WAS OF THE OPINION THAT PARTY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AS ENGINEERS, CHEMISTS, ETC., AND WHO MAY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY MAY SEEK STATE DEPT. PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY GIVING SOME PRETEXT AS THE REASON THEREFOR. INFORMANT ALSO REMARKED THAT PEOPLE WANTING TO LEAVE THE U.S. BECAUSE OF IMPLICATION IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OF A PRO SOVIET NATURE MAY DESIRE TO GO TO RUSSIAN SATELLITE COUNTRIES BY WAY OF SOUTH AMERICA. ABOVE FOR BUREAU INFO.

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

[REDACTED] is on the staff of the New York Herald
Tribune. While I was with Psychological Warfare during the war,
assigned to Allied Airforce Headquarters in Algiers, PETER RHODES,
who was an OWI employee and in charge of all monitoring in the
Mediterranean Theatre of Operation, told me that [REDACTED]
was all right, implying that all right meant from the point of
view of the Party. PETER RHODES, himself, is a Party member.

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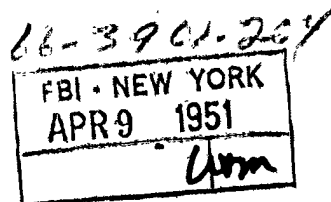
In 1945 when I came back from the Army, speaking about
my experience to JOHN WILLIAMSON and mentioning RHODES, he knew
about PETER RHODES. Later on, the Section Organizer of the
Civil Service Workers, DOROTHY LOEB, also verified the fact that
PETER RHODES was a Communist.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

(JOHN WILLIAMSON)
(PETER RHODES)

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

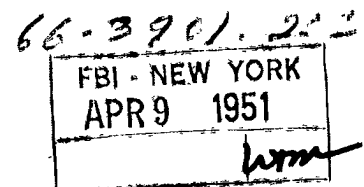
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no
information regarding the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

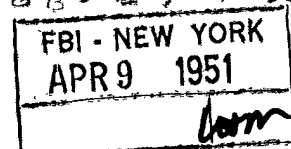
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information regarding the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: C. B. BALDWIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

C. B. BALDWIN is the national functionary of the
Progressive Party. He is known in Party circles as a reliable
person from the Party's point of view. He voted against
WALLACE when WALLACE took issues with some of the parties of
the Progressive Party.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: HERBERT APTHEKER
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

HERBERT APTHEKER is a writer on Negro problems and
known as a Party member in Party circles.

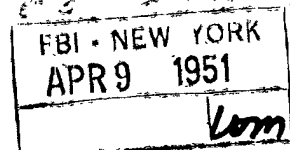
In this year's National Negro History Week, displays
at the Central Public Library on 42nd Street contained the works
of APTHEKER prominently displayed, although he is not a Negro.
The same collection of material later on was displayed in
Brooklyn.

APTHEKER is also teaching classes at the Jefferson
School of Social Science, 16th Street and Sixth Avenue, New
York City.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information regarding
the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: 66-3901 ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK
APR 9 1951
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
SECURITY MATTER - C

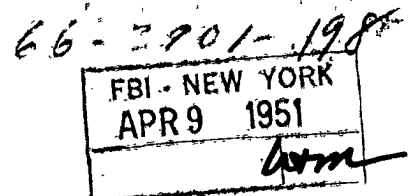
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information in
regard to the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: DR. EDWARD K. BARSKY
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished
by JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

Dr. BARSKY is known in Party circles as an eminent
surgeon with offices in the sixties of Park Avenue.

BARSKY was in Spain where he introduced new methods
of surgery and gained a world-wide reputation. After Spain he
became one of the leaders in aiding Spanish refugees and he heads
the Spanish Refugee Committee in New York.

At one of the receptions held around 55th Street and
Broadway, New York City, in a Swedish smorgasbord place, an affair
held in honor of Party leaders who were indicted by the Government,
EDWARD K. BARSKY was present on the stage and spoke in behalf of
the defense of the Party leaders. At the same affair, GERHARD
EISLER was one of the speakers. So was EUGENE DENNIS, DIRK
STRUIK, and Dr. W. HOWARD MELISH, also on the stage.

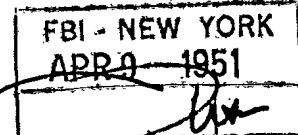
BARSKY, at this affair, carried on an intimate con-
versation with DENNIS, sitting right next to each other through-
out the affair.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

(EUGENE DENNIS)
(DIRK STRUIK)
(Dr. W. HOWARD MELISH)

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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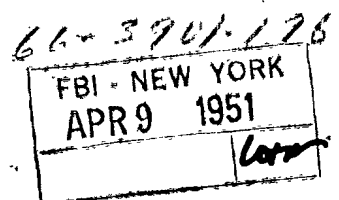
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) was unable to furnish
any information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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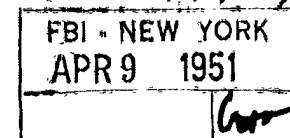
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information regarding this individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

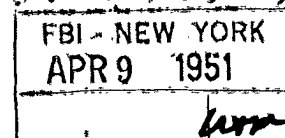
Re: CHARLOTTE A. BASS
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) had no information regarding
the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901.

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: JOHN ABT
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

In 1941 in an informal conversation with MOTHER BLOOR
at the April Farm near Quakertown, Pennsylvania, MOTHER BLOOR
stated that SIDNEY HILLMAN does not care about the political
affiliation of JOHN ABT. MOTHER BLOOR also stated that JOHN
ABT was a member of the Communist Party.

JOHN ABT's sister is MARION BACHRACH, who is employed
by the National Committee of the Communist Party functioning
as a press relations personnel. JOHN ABT's wife is JESSICA
SMITH, editor of "Soviet Russia Today". She is the former wife
of HAROLD WARE, one of the leading Communists in the 1920s and
early 1930s, who was in the Soviet Union on numerous occasions.
HAROLD WARE is also the son of MOTHER BLOOR.

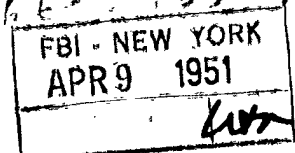
JOHN ABT at the present time is one of the attorneys
hired to represent the Communist Party in its hearings on the
McCarran Act.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

cc: 66-3901

(JESSICA SMITH)
(MOTHER BLOOR)
(SIDNEY HILLMAN)
(MARION BACHRACH)
(HAROLD WARE)

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re:
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) had no information regarding
the above captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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New York, N.Y.
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MEMO.

Re: [REDACTED]
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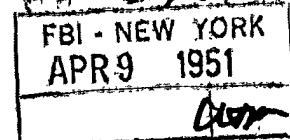
In the latter part of 1935 or early 1936, there was
a period of time when the Building Service Workers of the City
of New York were out on strike. A person by the name of Mrs.
[REDACTED] came up to the Section Headquarters of the Communist
Party at 81st Street and Columbus Avenue, and joined the Party
in the presence of the Section Organizer. This [REDACTED]
was known at that time as [REDACTED]
in the LaGuardia administration. Soon after she joined the Party,
at a city-wide Communist Party conference her name was mentioned
by the Section Organizer and AMTER instructed the Section Organizer
not to mention her name anywhere else any more. He implied that
she was becoming a member at large.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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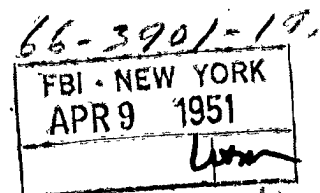
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: MARY McLEOD BETHUNE
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information concerning
the above-named individual, as furnished by JOHN LAUTNER
(NYCS-588).

BETHUNE participates in lending her name to all
kinds of sponsoring lists. She is a Negro.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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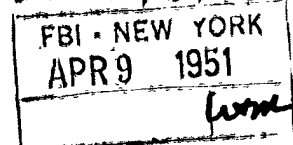
Re: ERIC BERNAY
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no
information concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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New York, N.Y.
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MEMO.

Re: LEWIS A. BERNE
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no
information regarding the above-named individual.

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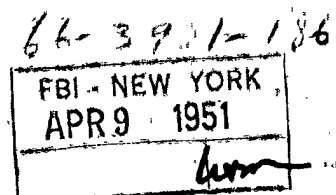
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) had no information regarding
the above-captioned individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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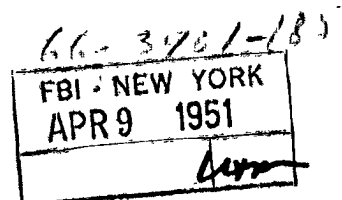
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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) had no information regarding the above-captioned individual.

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: SUSAN B. ANTHONY
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588)

The name sounds very familiar, but I do not know
anything about her.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: SHOLEM ASCH
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is set forth below, information furnished by
JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588).

SHOLEM ASCH is a writer, but I do not know anything
about him.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information
concerning the above individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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New York, N.Y.
April 5, 1951

MEMO.

Re: LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOHN LAUTNER (NYCS-588) could furnish no information concerning the above-named individual.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY,
SA

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April 4, 1951

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

The Criminal Division of the Department has requested that the Government witness in captioned matter, John Lautner (ND-598), be in Washington next Monday morning, April 9, 1951, for approximately ten days of consultation in connection with preparing his testimony.

Mr. Lautner should be furnished the attached two G.T.R's. The typewritten notes attached to each are self-explanatory.

If there is any reason why Mr. Lautner can not be in Washington next Monday, A.M., the Bureau should be promptly advised by teletype.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
JOHN LAUTNER - GOVERNMENT WITNESS
(Bufile 100-372598)

Re New York letter to Bureau 3/16/51, cc. to Cleveland.
Remylet 3/26/51.

There is being enclosed for the New York Office a certified copy of the weather conditions prevailing at Cleveland, Ohio on January 14 and 15, 1950, supplied by the United States Weather Bureau at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Naturalization records at Youngstown, Ohio were reviewed by SA JOHN RUSSELL GRAHAM. The information contained in the records is set forth below:

Petition for Naturalization Number 6752 reported in Volume 29 of the Naturalization Record in the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Mahoning County, was filed by JOHN LAUTNER JR. on February 5, 1926, showing his address to be 464 West Ravenwood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. His occupation was listed as bricklayer. He was born January 1, 1902 at Palanok, Hungary (later known as Czechoslovakia). He emigrated to the United States from Rotterdam, Holland on or about July 2, 1920, arriving in the United States at the port of New York on July 14, 1920 via the vessel Rotterdam. The Petition set forth information that he was not married.

LAUTNER filed his Declaration of Intention on February 16, 1923 at Youngstown, Ohio. Witnesses for LAUTNER at the time his petition was filed were MARIE LAUTNER and MIKE J. LAUTNER.

The Certificate of Arrival, issue number 96509, dated December 24, 1925 from the Commissioner of Naturalization, certifies that JOHN LAUTNER JR. arrived on July 14, 1920 on the Rotterdam.

Declaration of Intention Number 10960 filed February 16, 1923 with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Youngstown, Ohio, described JOHN LAUTNER JR. as follows:

Race:	White
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Fair
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	165 pounds

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cc: New York (100-102320) (enc)

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The Declaration reflected that LAUTNER was born in the place and on the date reflected in the Petition, that he resided as of February 16, 1923 at Boardman Road, Youngstown, Ohio, and that he showed his last place of foreign residence as Palanok, Czechoslovakia.

The Order of the Common Pleas Court of Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio admitting LAUTNER to United States citizenship is dated May 27, 1926 and a notation on the reverse side of above-mentioned Petition reflects that Certificate of Naturalization Number 2261454 was issued to him on the same date.

For the further information of the New York Office, there was noted that another JOHN LAUTNER is listed in the Naturalization Records of the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Mahoning County. This JOHN LAUTNER filed a Declaration of Intention Number 1948 in the Common Pleas Court of Stark County, Ohio on March 6, 1917 and was admitted to United States citizenship by the Common Pleas Court of Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio on April 6, 1923. Certificate of Naturalization Number 1879652 was issued to him on the same date.

The Petition of this JOHN LAUTNER shows that he emigrated to the United States from Bremen, Germany on or about January 5, 1903, arriving in the port of New York on January 15, 1903 on the vessel Cassell. This JOHN LAUTNER is described in his Declaration of Intention as follows:

Race:	White
Born:	June 12, 1878 Varpalanka, Austria-Hungary (later part of Czechoslovakia)
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	162 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Dark brown
Wife:	Mary, also born Varpalanka and still there as of March 6, 1917 when Declaration of Intention was filed

This LAUTNER's wife was in Youngstown, Ohio as of April 6, 1923 when the Certificate of Naturalization was issued.

The Petition for this latter LAUTNER, Number 4225, showed that he had the following children:

MIKE	Born July 15, 1903 at Monessen, Pennsylvania
LEONARD	Born August 22, 1904 Monessen, Pennsylvania

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HELEN

Born April 4, 1907

New York, New York

FRANK

Born June 17, 1909

Hungary

GIZELLA

September 17, 1911

New York, New York

MICHAEL KORNICK, Mahoning County Deputy Clerk of Courts, Youngstown, Ohio, declined to photostat or allow to be photostated any part of the Naturalization Records, stating that such reproduction is prohibited by page 400, paragraph 29 of Immigration and Naturalization Laws and Regulations.

Efforts to locate the house in which JOHN LAUTNER was questioned and threatened have as yet been unsuccessful, although the Kingsbury Burn area and surrounding areas have not as yet been completely covered.

It is noted that in the directions set forth by JOHN LAUTNER, he has given very little descriptive matter regarding the appearance of the house, the position or size of the porch, and whether the door was centered or to the right or left side of the house. It is believed that the above information will be very helpful in further efforts to locate the particular house. If the information can be obtained from JOHN LAUTNER, it should be promptly furnished this Office for use in the current survey of the area.

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cc: New York (100-102320) (enc)

900 Standard Building
Cleveland 13, Ohio
March 26, 1951

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
JOHN LAUTNER - GOVERNMENT
WITNESS
(Bureau file No. 100-372598)

Dear Sir:

Re New York letter dated March 16, 1951, a copy of which was directed to the Cleveland Office.

[redacted] of the Hotel Cleveland at Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the registration card of JOHN LAUTNER which carries the return address 212 West 22nd Street, New York, New York. According to [redacted], LAUTNER signed in at 11:25 A.M. on January 14, 1950, and departed from the hotel at 11:49 A.M. on January 15, 1950. A review of the account card showed that he paid \$4.50 cash for the room and there were no extra charges.

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It is noted that the Cleveland Hotel is located on the Public Square in Cleveland and is directly adjacent to the Cleveland Union Terminal.

Information was obtained from the United States Weather Bureau at Cleveland with regard to the weather on January 14 and 15, 1950. On the 14th, .07 inches of rain fell at around 2:35 to 2:58 A.M. Gusts of wind reaching a maximum of 68 miles per hour prevailed during the early morning hours. A squall with gusts of wind up to 80 miles and no rain occurred at 5:00 A.M. Wind continued high up to 2:30 P.M. with gusts reaching 40 miles per hour.

cc: New York (Encs. 3) (100-102320)

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On January 15, 1950, 1.08 inches of rain fell in the form of sleet, freezing rain and light rain. At 8:25 A.M., sleet began falling turning to rain and sleet at 9:57 A.M. changing to rain at 10:27 A.M., and light rain continued until 11:00 P.M. At 11:00 A.M. the wind was 20 miles per hour from south-southeast. At 12:00 noon gusts reached 30 miles per hour.

There is being enclosed for the New York Office, the Hotel Cleveland registration card of JOHN LAUTNER, a Station Meteorological Summary and a Special Meteorological Summary.

Efforts are continued to obtain the additional information requested in the New York letter.

Very truly yours,

R. J. ABBATICCHIO JR.
Special Agent in Charge

New York 7, New York

April 4, 1951

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Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
FACTIONALISM
(Bufile 100-3-88)

100-16177 per file Bureau 4-12-51

Dear Sir:

CS NYC 588 was interviewed in connection with the above-captioned matter on 10/11/50, 1/5/51, 2/27/51, and 3/20/51.

Informant stated that the Communist Party, USA presents the appearance of being a highly unified organization with a closely-knit leadership; however, within the leadership of the Party several cliques exist. He advised that the leadership of the Party rests within the hands of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, and JOHN WILLIAMSON, and that the second group within the leadership of the Party consists of the "new leadership" of GUS HALL, JOHN GATES, and ROBERT THOMPSON.

CS NYC 588 advised that JACOB "JACK" STACHEL had fallen from his once important position and was now a secondary leader in the Party. He stated that this change occurred at the time JOHN WILLIAMSON was appointed National Labor Secretary, Communist Party, USA. Informant stated that ROBERT THOMPSON and JOHN STEUBER were the two most vocal complainants against STACHEL when he was released as Labor Secretary and replaced by JOHN WILLIAMSON.

He further advised that GIL GREEN, CARL WINTER, and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN more or less go their own way within the leadership of the Party.

cc: NY 66-3901 (P & C) ✓

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Informant stated that IRVING POTASH is influential in his own sphere of trade unionism and most of the time keeps to himself.

Informant advised that this was not a factionalist breakdown within the Party but rather the result of individual personalities within the leadership. Informant went on to state that the "new leadership", even though composed of younger men, could not actually be considered new prospects within the Communist Party for Communist Party leadership, even though they have risen rapidly to high positions within the Party since the 1945 Communist Party Convention, for THOMPSON, HALL, and GATES have all been in the Party for a minimum of twenty years. The informant pointed out that it might well be noted that WILLIAMSON, GATES, THOMPSON, and HALL had been prior to World War II Communist Party functionaries in the State of Ohio and attributed the fact that GATES, THOMPSON, and HALL had risen rapidly in Party leadership to the fact that they had served under the supervision of WILLIAMSON in Ohio and that WILLIAMSON had pushed them ahead in Party leadership.

Informant pointed out that ROBERT THOMPSON had returned from service in the Pacific theater of war in 1944 and had been brought by EARL BROWDER into the Communist Party leadership almost immediately upon his return, placing him in charge of veterans' affairs for the Party. Informant stated, however, that after the 1945 Communist Party Convention, THOMPSON was one of the most outspoken attackers of BROWDER.

In connection with THOMPSON, informant mentioned that [redacted] and that consequently, THOMPSON leads an unhappy home life and is a heavy drinker.

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Concerning JOHN GATES, CS NYC 588 stated that when GATES returned from service in the armed forces during World War II, because of his background in the Young Communist League work, the fact that he was formerly a section organizer, and because of his political experience gained during the Spanish Revolution, it was desired that he should be pushed ahead in the national leadership and consequently he was made Editor of the "Daily Worker".

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Concerning EUGENE DENNIS, informant stated that DENNIS was pushed ahead in the national leadership of the Party by BROWDER, who was probably influenced by European Communists, possibly by instruction from the Soviet Union, informant noting that after DENNIS returned from Russia he commenced his ascendancy within the Party. Informant stated that DENNIS has reached a high position of leadership in spite of the fact that he is not highly regarded within the Party; that he is not a highly-accomplished speaker nor is he scholarly in his approach to problems. He stated that DENNIS does not prepare his own speech material but that his speeches are prepared for him within Communist Party headquarters at New York City and are usually written, re-edited, and polished for a week before DENNIS gives such speeches. The informant stated that these speeches are re-edited and polished by GEORGE SISKIN, MARIAN BACHRACH, and others.

An interesting note furnished by informant was one concerning WILLIAM Z. FOSTER in which informant stated that approximately one month before the letter written by JACQUES DUCLOS appeared criticizing the Communist Political Association, GIL GREEN had been sent to tell FOSTER that if he did not behave and be more guarded in his remarks concerning the CPA, he would be expelled from the Party.

Informant stated along this line that after the DUCLOS letter appeared, the 1945 New York State Communist Party Convention was held and the matter discussed. It was the informant's opinion that the New York State Communist Party Convention in 1945 "got out of hand" and that in the subsequent 1945 National Convention where the Communist Party was reformed, the leadership was much more guarded in its approach.

Subsequently, the matter concerning the national leadership was referred to the National Committee of the Communist Party. EARL BROWDER was expelled and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was decided upon as being the most logical leader for the Party. After the 1945 National Convention and after the leadership problem between FOSTER and BROWDER was corrected, informant stated that DENNIS took a leading part in Party affairs and that it was DENNIS who decided that the Party in the South would be dissolved resolving this problem on his own initiative.

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In connection with the 1945 New York State Communist Party Convention, informant stated that the behavior of the comrades attending this session was very disruptive and that there was a considerable amount of "mud slinging" among the leadership. He stated that many of the leaders took the floor and publicly denounced each other and that many of the leaders would not rise to defend themselves. Informant stated it was this experience which forced the leadership to be highly guarded in its approach to the 1945 National Communist Party Convention and that during the course of this convention, a Party bodyguard was assigned to stay with EARL BROWDER at all times and to take full notes on what BROWDER said and did during this convention and informant noted that at one time during the course of the convention, BROWDER was so disturbed that he sulked in a corner and openly cried. In informant's opinion, this one gesture of BROWDER helped finish him among the leadership and helped finish him as a member of the leadership of the Communist Party.

Concerning factionalism specifically within the Communist Party, USA leadership at the present time, informant advised it was his opinion that there was extremely little or none. He stated that in 1946 or in the early part of 1947, the "new leadership" of the Party was in a very precarious position in that it was extremely weak and vulnerable to attack.

It is informant's opinion that the indictment of the 12 Communist leaders did more to unify the Communist Party, USA than any single factor since the expulsion of EARL BROWDER.

He noted the fact that during the period 1946-1948, the Communist Party was extremely concerned with the activities of various factionalist or splinter groups but that after the indictment of the 12 Communist Party leaders and the subsequent trial, the various factionalist groups became frightened and threw whatever support they had behind the defense of the 12. The detailed results of the interviews with informant concerning factionalist groups are set out below.

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CS NYC 588 advised that SAMUEL ADAMS DARCY may be considered the most important individual in the factionalist movement at the present time. Informant advised he has known DARCY since 1930 and advised that even prior to this time, DARCY was active in the Young Communist League with MAX SCHACTMAN, who is now National Chairman of the Independent Socialist League. Informant advised that at this time, DARCY and SCHACTMAN were both with the Communist Party which at that time had its headquarters in Chicago and that DARCY had come to New York and in the early 1930's went to a Party position on the West Coast.

He stated that DARCY had achieved his high position in the Communist Party leadership through his work in the San Francisco general strike which had occurred in either 1934 or 1935 and had subsequently gone abroad to meet the important Communist functionaries in Europe. He noted that DARCY attended the Seventh World Congress in Europe and remained abroad for over a year. Informant stated that these experiences gave DARCY a preferred position within the Communist Party and that DARCY had been sent to Philadelphia as district organizer, District #3, Communist Party.

It was at Philadelphia, according to informant, that DARCY became acquainted with JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS, whom informant described as the personal liaison agent between the late President ROOSEVELT and EARL BROWDER during World War II. DARCY and ADAMS became very close and according to informant, DARCY was "adopted" by ADAMS and took the name of ADAMS using this name for quite some time instead of his true name DARCY. Eventually, DARCY resumed the use of his own name, taking the name ADAMS as a middle name.

Informant stated that in the January, 1944 plenary session of the Communist Party, EARL BROWDER proposed the formation of the Communist Political Association and at this time DARCY immediately became outspoken against this plan.

Informant noted that also backing DARCY was WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and stated that DARCY continued his outspoken attacks against the revisionist attitude of BROWDER for which he was expelled in the spring of 1945 for allegedly circulating a slanderous letter against the Party to the Philadelphia press.

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Informant continued that after the 1945 national Communist Party Convention, DARCY was approached by the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, to return to the Party but that it was ascertained that during his period of expulsion, DARCY had written a book concerned with the revisionist period of the Party and that the National Committee wanted DARCY to submit this book for review before his return to the Party could be finally considered. CS NYC 588 stated that DARCY has flatly refused to submit this book for review and because of this attitude, the National Committee has continuously refused to consider his return to the Party.

Informant went on to state that actually, the National Committee was very much afraid of DARCY, inasmuch as he had a large following with the rank and file of the Party and the National Committee was very much afraid that DARCY would capture the Party leadership, which informant has stated and it is noted above at that time was extremely weak. He stated that the Party went out of its way to criticize DARCY as a former working-class leader who had deserted the proletariat and had become a successful businessman in the amateur line. He stated that in spite of this, DARCY'S leadership in the factionalist group has continued and the Party at the present time still regards DARCY as a formidable opponent, inasmuch as he has succeeded in recruiting such persons as MAX BEDACHT, formerly General Secretary of the International Workers Order, WILLIAM DUNNE, formerly a Communist Party leader in the National Maritime Union, and on the West Coast HARRISON GEORGE and VERN SMITH.

Informant stated that it was assumed in the Communist Party in 1949 that DARCY was attempting to unify all the factionalist groups in the United States and it was informant's opinion that he would have succeeded had it not been for the obstinance and leftist theories of FRANCIS FRANKLIN of New York and the PR Club (PAUL ROBESON Club--CP expelled) of Bronx, New York. The latter club crusaded against this unification on the grounds that it was against a "hen-pecked leader". According to the informant, the present factionalist strength available to DARCY does not exceed 400 persons throughout the United States.

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Informant advised that DARCY'S group in Philadelphia publishes a factionalist newspaper known as "The Road Ahead", which publication is distributed all over the United States. Informant also noted that DARCY'S group in Philadelphia is suspected of including a lawyer from the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, a person of prominence whose name he could not recall, and possibly also coming under the influence of DARCY is ANNA PENNYPACKER.

It may be noted here that informant stated that MAX BEDACHT was actually expelled from the Communist Party, USA for being a Darcyite. He stated that BEDACHT and DARCY were friends of many years standing and that after DARCY had been expelled from the Party, BEDACHT had an occasion to go to Washington, D. C. and on this trip took his son as company. Informant stated that on the way back to New York, BEDACHT stopped in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, spending a night at the DARCY residence. Upon returning to New York, BEDACHT was brought up on charges by his son and was caught in a lie concerning this visit by his son and accordingly was expelled. Informant stated other reasons were given for the expulsion of BEDACHT and such reasons were published in the local press, as well as in the "Daily Worker", but actually the charge against him at the National Review Commission, Communist Party, USA, was that of being a Darcyite. The informant stated that BEDACHT was first ousted from the International Workers Order and he then bought a chicken farm in New Jersey transferring to the Party there.

The New Jersey Communist Party was given the job of finishing him off but apparently, in informant's opinion, BEDACHT was well regarded in his local county Communist Party club and at the county convention was elected a delegate to the State Convention. Informant stated that SID STEIN ordered BEDACHT finished off within the Party and that the New Jersey State Communist Party "gave him the knife" after the county convention with the result that BEDACHT never reached the New Jersey State Convention as a delegate.

Informant also mentioned that in connection with the disagreement of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and DARCY against the revisionist attitude of EARL BROWDER in 1944 that they were

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supported by [] (Ph.), aka [], whom informant described as an ex-Young Communist League leader, although [] was not open in his disagreement. Another person in support of this attitude on the part of DARGY was [] who was active in Chicago in trade union work.

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In connection with other factionalist organizations and publications aside from DARGY, informant mentioned first that after the 1945 National Communist Party Convention, many pamphlets and publications were published under the name "Americus", whom informant stated was subsequently identified to be EARL BROWDER.

Informant stated that one of the first factionalist publications was "Spark", which was published by the PR Club-CP (expelled), which was expelled for left sectarianism within the Party in 1946. He stated that this publication had been issued primarily by one [] who wrote under the name []. "Spark" was supplemented by a sheet known as "Fore-'N-Aft" which was issued by a group in the National Maritime Union which followed the leadership of the PR Club. Subsequently, the PR Club was joined by one [] an expelled comrade from the Kings County Communist Party, after which time the two publications joined and became known as "Turning Point".

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Informant went on to state that the Communist Party, USA considered the PR Club to be composed of between 15 and 20 members but that the Party was always at a loss to understand where the organization received its financial backing, for when "Spark" was first published and when "Turning Point" was first issued, all of the issues were printed and bound in red-coated paper, which informant stated was quite costly. Shortly after the first issues of "Turning Point", the paper started to come out in mimeographed form, which informant states was less expensive than printing but informant stated that due to the large number of copies of this paper published, it appeared to the Communist Party, USA that the persons publishing it were financially unable to support the paper and must have some outside backing.

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Another point which worried the Communist Party leadership was the fact that it could not be ascertained to what extent this unit influenced members of the Communist Party, USA and informant stated that the Party was concerned with each factionalist unit because its extent of influence could not be ascertained.

Another point which perturbed Party leadership was that the Party was at a loss to understand the source of mailing lists which the PR Club possessed, inasmuch as it was quite extensive and apparently included a large number of Party members. Informant stated that this matter was later resolved in his mind when it was ascertained that the different factionalist groups were exchanging mailing lists among themselves.

Informant stated that subsequently, another publication known as "New York Notes" was published by one [redacted] who was formerly employed by "Soviet Russia Today" but who had been discharged by that publication.

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Informant also stated that the New Committee for Publications (NCP) was a factionalist group headed by [redacted]

[redacted] who operates a news stand on the south side of 42nd Street, New York City, immediately west of Fifth Avenue. Informant pointed out that [redacted] was a Party name and that his real name is [redacted]. Informant advised that it was through this news stand that many factionalist publications appeared on the market. Informant noted that it was with this group that BRUCE MINTON and RUTH MC KINNEY were associated.

Informant stated, as is already known, that MINTON and MC KINNEY are man and wife who were expelled by the Party in 1948 for left sectarianism and who subsequently went to Belgium and as far as informant knows still reside there. Informant noted that this expulsion took place in the Communist Party of Connecticut and that this expulsion was appealed by [redacted] to the National Committee, Communist Party, USA,

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where the expulsion was upheld and reinstatement was denied. Informant stated that MINTON was a person of considerable education and advised that during the 1930's wrote a book on the economy of the United States which is a very scholarly volume. Informant stated that MINTON was formerly on the staff of "New Masses" and observed that RUTH MC KINNEY is an author in her own right, having published several books, the latest of which is a book entitled "Love Story" which deals with her meeting MINTON and her early associations within the Communist Party.

Another publication mentioned by informant was "Toward Socialism" which was published by the Bill Haywood Club (CP-expelled), which club was headed by FRANCIS FRANKLIN and [redacted].

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Informant advised concerning FRANKLIN that he was formerly an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science and a member of the Village Club, Communist Party, New York City. FRANKLIN became involved in difficulties with the Party over the stand taken by him in relation to the postponement of the 1947 National Communist Party Convention and the fact that he declared the 1945 emergency national convention unconstitutional. FRANKLIN was subsequently expelled from the Party together with [redacted] [redacted], in March, 1948.

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The informant stated that the difficulty first came into the open when FRANKLIN first commenced fighting the removal of [redacted] as an instructor in the Jefferson School of Social Science in 1947. In February or March, 1948, FRANKLIN published an "open letter" to the members of the Communist Party, USA, protesting the stand of the Party on the 1947 National Convention and also the grounds for his expulsion. According to informant, this letter received great circulation throughout the United States and caused the national leadership of the Party some consternation.

Informant stated again the Party was at a great loss to understand where FRANKLIN obtained financial backing

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for this letter and also where the mailing lists from which addresses to which this letter was mailed were obtained. Informant noted that this letter received circulation and was mailed throughout the country.

It may be noted in this connection that even more consternation was exhibited by the Communist Party over the mailing lists used by the PR Club, inasmuch as when this organization published its treatise in 1946 concerning its stand after its expulsion from the Party, its mailing list was most complete pertaining to Party comrades.

Informant, in mentioning minor factionalist publications, stated that [redacted], a former section organizer in Queens County, New York Communist Party, was another person formerly engaged in the factionalist movement after reactivation of the Communist Party, USA subsequent to the 1945 Communist Party Convention. Informant stated that he believed [redacted] to be an expelled member of the Party and stated he leaned heavily toward Trotskyite teachings and advised that [redacted] organization did not last any length of time.

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Informant mentioned that throughout the country there have been small unimportant factionalist groups such as a group existing in the building trades union in San Diego, California, a very small group of youth members at Columbia University, New York City, which had an exceedingly short life, and a group of New York University (N.Y.C.) students which had been expelled from the Party and led by one [redacted], first name unknown. Informant also mentioned that there had been a small factionalist group headed by one BERNIE FREELANDER at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, which also was short-lived.

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Informant stated in New York City there had been a publication known as "Psychiatric Newsletter", which was published by an expelled Communist Party member whom informant stated was a psychopathic case, even though he was supposed to be a psychiatrist.

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Another factionalist publication mentioned by informant was "The Key". CS NYC 588 stated that the Communist Party, USA never ascertained who actually published this paper inasmuch as it was issued from a post office box in the Radio City station post office. Informant stated that in an effort to ascertain to whom this box was listed, the Party caused the Radio City station U.S. post office to be shadowed for some period but that it was subsequently ascertained that the mail for this box could only be picked up by someone appearing at the inquiry window and asking for the contents of the box.

Informant commented upon the fact that this publication contained otherwise unknown facts concerning certain Party members and also very factual material concerning the operation of the Party on the part of certain of its members. He stated for this reason, and also because there was a lack of political issues in the material published in this paper, and the fact that the information published was so factual and revealing to the extent that information which had never previously been made known to the rank and file Party members was published, that the Party leadership believed the publication was issued by the FBI for disruptive purposes and that at Communist Party, USA headquarters the paper was called "The FBI Schnissle" (Ph.), which is to say "The FBI Key".

One particular piece of information which informant stated the publication contained was that the house occupied by ROBERT THOMPSON in Queens, New York, as well as the house then occupied by SI GERSON in Brooklyn, New York, were purchased with Communist Party funds, which informant considered most unusual inasmuch as the Party in its normal business activity was most meticulous about the expenditure of "even a nickel".

Informant stated he also later learned that the then New York State Communist Party Treasurer, PAUL CROSBY, had speculated in purchasing real estate for the Party with Party funds. He also advised that CROSBY was reputed to have purchased a building in the Chelsea Section in New York City

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in the vicinity of West 22nd Street and Ninth Avenue for the purpose of installing a library which was to be used by comrades for research matter. Informant advised that at the time of CROSBY'S death in 1949, he understood that such a building had been purchased and that the Party was looking for an extremely trustworthy comrade to ostensibly be the resident of this house but who also was to cover up for the library to be installed therein.

In this same connection, informant stated that the Party maintained a very valuable library at the Jefferson School of Social Science and felt that this library would shortly, if not already, be moved to another location so that the library and its contents would not fall into the hands of the authorities if the school were seized by Federal agents.

CS NYC 588 also noted another factionalist publication known as the "Manhattan Communist Bulletin". According to informant, this publication was backed by one [redacted], formerly an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science and an expelled Communist Party member. [redacted] background, as stated by the informant pertaining to expulsion, was that [redacted] had taught organized Marxist classes to supplement his personal income, such classes having been formed by FRANCIS FRANKLIN prior to his expulsion from the Party.

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Assisting [redacted] in this publication was [redacted], also an expelled Party member, who had written for the "Manhattan Communist Bulletin" prior to his expulsion from the Party. Informant advised that [redacted] had been bodily ejected from the 1947 New York County Communist Party Convention and charges were immediately preferred against him. [redacted] immediately entered counter-charges against the New York County leadership with the New York State Communist Party Review Commission. Informant advised that at the time [redacted] entered his counter-charges, he was told that the charges would be considered but that first the entire problem of [redacted] would be considered, including his support of the "Manhattan Communist Bulletin". Informant stated that [redacted] did not again appear at Communist Party headquarters after the fact that his connection with this publication was known to the Communist Party leadership was explained to him.

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Informant characterized [] as a member of the anti-CURRAN (JOSEPH P. CURRAN, President of NMU) faction of the National Maritime Union and until the time that [] attracted considerable publicity in the local press in the early part of 1951 for attempting to enter the Soviet Union with his family, had last heard from [] in 1949 when [] was beaten up for distributing anti-CURRAN literature at the National Maritime Union headquarters.

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Informant stated that the Communist Party leadership took [] to be an operator for the Office of Naval Intelligence. He explained this by stating that [] was a non-Party member but nevertheless he succeeded in obtaining jobs on Standard Oil Company vessels and aboard tugs in the New York Harbor, which informant stated was usually a very difficult task for a non-comrade.

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Concerning [] venture to Europe, informant advised that he considered the possibility that [] had been staked in this venture by some quasi-intelligence agency, explaining his statement as follows:

[] has been a rank and file seaman for several years and in this type of position his earnings have not been such as to place him in a position to accumulate a large amount of savings. Also, [] resided in an apartment where the amount of furniture he was able to have would not bring sufficient funds if sold to provide for air travel to Europe with his family. Informant stated that it was his opinion that [] trip had been financed by some agency seeking to place a possible source in an iron-curtain country.

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Concerning factionalist activities on the West Coast in the United States, informant advised that the strongest movement was that led by [] at Seattle, Washington, with secondary groups being led by VERN SMITH and HARRISON GEORGE in California. He also stated that [] published great quantities of material attacking [], [] for the Communist Party in the State of Washington, as well as the Communist Party, USA leadership.

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Informant stated that generally speaking, the factionalist groups in New York City, with the exception

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of the PR Club and the DARCY followers, have dissolved. He stated that the reasons for this dissolution are multiple, explaining as follows:

When the various factionalist clubs were either expelled from the Party as a group or were formed from expelled Communist Party members, they as a rule presented a thesis of being opposed to the leadership of the Communist Party, USA on the basis that the leadership was composed of right opportunists.

After the indictment of the 12 Communist leaders, the feeling among these groups was that if the leaders of the Communist Party, USA were indicted under the Smith Act, they too, being known to be of mere leftist leanings, would certainly, if they continued, be susceptible to indictment and apprehension under the same law.

Also in these factionalist groups in some instances the issue of white chauvinism was raised as a point of criticism against the Party but that in 1948 when the Communist Party, USA commenced expelling comrades on the grounds of white chauvinism, this point of criticism was lost to the factionalists. In view of this, many of these groups took as a point of issue the support of the defense of the indicted Communist leaders, and when they found that the common sympathies within their groups were with the Communist Party leaders, they lost their main point of contention and quietly folded up.

In this connection, informant was particularly questioned concerning the significance of the greetings sent by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to the Communist Party, USA on the occasion of its 15th National Convention which opened 12/28/50. Informant construed this to be a blanket approval of the leadership, line, and activities of the Communist Party, USA.

In connection with the factionalist groups, informant pointed out that such groups as the PR Club, the FRANCIS FRANKLIN faction (BILL HAYWOOD Club), the [redacted] group, formerly known as the New Committee for Publications, as well as the group headed by SAMUEL ADAMS DARCY, operated on the

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premise that the present leadership of the Communist Party, USA was not fully acceptable to the Cominform and the CPSU, as evidenced also in the instance of the PR Club in pursuance of this belief setting forth its treatise mentioned above to the Cominform.

Informant stated that it was his opinion that the message of greetings from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to the CPSU was a blanket approval of the Communist Party, USA and as such would remove the chief point of contention that the leadership of the American Party was not acceptable from the factionalist groups further destroying their effectiveness and wrecking their basic premise.

Informant supported this belief citing the example of the BILL HAYWOOD Club which was headed by FRANCIS FRANKLIN. Informant stated that apparently the spirit within this club was lost during the trial of the 11 Communist leaders and that it publicly announced that it would go out of business in its publication "Toward Socialism".

Concerning FRANKLIN, informant stated he believed FRANKLIN to be a "loud-mouthed individual" whose mental processes concerning Communism are fixed but that he would never change his attitude towards Marxism, inasmuch as he is a confirmed Marxist.

In describing the PR Club, informant stated this organization is inalterably opposed to the leadership of the Communist Party, USA and the method by which the Communist Party operates. He stated that when the club was expelled by the Communist Party, it published a treatise setting forth its position and sent a copy of this to the Cominform.

One of its stronger points at that time was the fact that the Communist Party, USA did not belong to the Cominform and that its activities were not mentioned in the Cominform paper "For a Lasting Peace--For a People's Democracy".

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Informant stated that shortly after this treatise was published and forwarded to Europe, there appeared short articles and news items concerning the Communist Party, USA in the Cominform paper and that the PR Club felt it had won a point. The club then began sniping at the Communist Party, USA for not selling the newspaper of the Cominform through the Worker's Book Shop and for not mentioning the existence of the paper in the "Daily Worker". Informant stated this was embarrassing to the Communist Party, USA, inasmuch as the publication "For a Lasting Peace--For a People's Democracy" could not be purchased in up-to-date copies at the Four Continents Book Shop or the Worker's Book Shop, inasmuch as the Four Continents Book Shop is the registered agent of a foreign government and all incoming material is therefore examined by the Customs Section of the Treasury Department, which results in the issues of this newspaper being delayed four to five weeks.

CS NYC 588 advised that the PR Club pushed the sale of this paper by taking out public advertising in the now defunct "New York Star" and its successor, the "New York Compass" advertising "For a Lasting Peace". Informant also stated that the PR Club publicly charged that the Communist Party, USA tried to suppress this paper.

Informant stated that after the PR Club tried to embarrass the Communist Party, USA, it stated that it was impossible to buy copies of this newspaper at the Worker's Book Shop. Some real embarrassment was felt in the Party particularly when it was indicated that the only person who handled this newspaper on a fairly current basis was [redacted], doing business as the Universal Distributors, Inc. Informant stated that the Communist Party suspected [redacted] as an operative of the Bureau or one who worked with the Bureau, inasmuch as his material was not held up coming through Customs, whereas the truth of the matter was that [redacted] material was not delayed because [redacted] did not register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, inasmuch as he handles material from any organization desiring an outlet and is not specifically the outlet for any one foreign government.

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Even though [] is considered a renegade by the Party, having been expelled by the Party in the early 1930's, informant stated that the Communist Party made a deal with [] whereby up-to-date copies of "For a Lasting Peace--For a People's Democracy" were purchased on a cash basis [] and then resold through the Four Continents Book Shop and the Worker's Book Shop. Copies of "For a Lasting Peace" were distributed after having been received from [] to Party officials and when the allotment for the Four Continents Book Shop was received from Customs, they were distributed to the rank and file comrades.

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Informant stated, during his remarks concerning this paper, that the paper was not mentioned in the "Daily Worker", nor were any of its articles published in the "Daily Worker", because if this were done it was felt within the Party leadership that it would be indicative of a tie-up between the Communist Party, USA, the Cominform, and Soviet Russia. However, informant stated that articles from "For a Lasting Peace" frequently found their way into the "Daily Worker", having been rewritten by JOSEPH STAROBIN and appearing without any indication that they were rewrite articles from "For a Lasting Peace".

During the course of interviews of informant, he stated that two expelled members of the Waterfront Section, Communist Party, New York City, have long been regarded by the Communist Party as potential if not actual workers for the FBI: First, [], who was formerly [] of the Waterfront Section, and second, []. In the case of [], informant indicated that this feeling existed, to informant's knowledge, shortly prior to [] expulsion.

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Concerning [], informant stated that prior to his expulsion from the Communist Party in early 1946, he had been a Party member for many years. Informant stated that EARL BROWDER had "had it in" for [] for quite some time and that when BROWDER was expelled from the Party, [] felt that he should move up in the leadership of the Party and that AL LANNON, who is now National Maritime Coordinator, CP, USA, whom [] disliked, should not go into a high position of leadership. He stated that for this, [] was expelled on the grounds of "disrupting the leadership".

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[] was expelled for disruptive tactics, primarily for excessive drinking and drunkenness.

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CS NYC 588 advised that the reason the Party considered these comrades as actual and potential FBI workers was that it was generally known that these two men were in the United States illegally and being members of the Communist Party were not troubled with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, whereas the other comrades who were in the United States illegally were frequently troubled by INS.

During the course of the interview, informant mentioned that there has been a certain amount of bickering between the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party and the national leadership, Communist Party, USA. This has concerned the Party line put out by various Communist Parties in European countries and the feeling supported by the Communist Party, USA. To illustrate this, informant cited two examples.

He stated that at the time of the dispute over Trieste by Italy and Yugoslavia, the Italian Communist Party followed one line, whereas the Communist Party of Yugoslavia took a different line. Consequently, the comrades in the Italian field, Communist Party, USA, desired to follow the line of the Italian Communist Party, whereas persons active in the Yugoslavian work in the American Party desired to follow the line of the Yugoslavian Communist Party.

Again, during the Israeli dispute, the Communist Party of Palestine put forth one line which the National Jewish Commission wished to follow, which line was different from that of the Communist Party, USA. Informant stated in this instance, the difference was particularly noticeable, inasmuch as the Palestinian Party put forth a line which was noticeably anti-Arab, whereas the line followed by the Soviet Government and subscribed to by the Communist Party, USA, was that of reconciliation with the Arabs because the Soviet Government did not desire to incur the hard feelings of the Arabs and because it was desirous of obtaining oil from Arab countries. In both instances, the Communist Party, USA

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forced the comrades in the nationality groups to follow the line set out by the American Party no matter how it conflicted with the line of foreign parties.

Informant also advised that there is usually bickering between the Morning Freiheit Association, the National Jewish Commission, and the Party leadership, in which the name of [redacted] figures prominently, although informant stated that [redacted] sets out all statements on the part of the "Morning Freiheit" but has never been punished to his knowledge for his conflixtions with the Communist Party line.

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Informant stated that ALEXANDER BITTELMAN is regarded as Mentor to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER to informant's knowledge, stating that BITTELMAN has long been regarded as a strong theoretician and is high in Party circles, having retained his position as theoretician for many years.

The information contained in this letter is being disseminated to the files of the various individuals mentioned herein in the New York Office. Other offices mentioned herein will be furnished the information as it pertains to that office.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
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New York, New York

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March 31, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
NYCS - 588

The above informant was interviewed in this office on March 20, 23, and 28, 1951. This informant furnished valuable information on Communist Party activity based on his knowledge and past experience in the C.P.

On March 20th last this informant was asked specific questions based on routing slip requests for information on subjects of Security Matter-C and Internal Security cases. He was also questioned on Daily Worker Press CP membership etc.

On March 23, informant was interviewed by Special Agent Art Madigan on the background of the Jefferson School of Social Science and the old Workers School of the C.P. He also discussed the C.P. Education Dept. and its tie-up with the Jefferson School.

On March 28th, informant was interviewed by Special Agents Al Gansky and Bob Downes on Hungarian CP activity. He also was interviewed on CP Trade Union Dept., Shoe Workers Union, CP Education and was asked specific questions on subjects of Security cases.

The writer believes the informant should be compensated in amount of \$20.00 per day total \$60 for these interviews.

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New York, New York
March 21, 1951

MEMO:

Re: IRA WALLACH, was:
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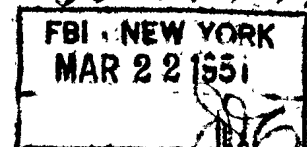
CS NYC 588 was interviewed by the writer on
2/13/51 concerning various writers and functionaries on
the staff of the "Daily Worker".

The informant identified WALLACH as the person
writing under the name of TED TINSLEY and also under the
name BOB LAUTER. Inasmuch as WALLACH has not previously
been identified with the name LAUTER, it is recommended
that this change be reflected on subject's Security Index
Card.

THORNTON M. WOOD, SA

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March 16, 1951

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
JOHN LAUTNER - GOVERNMENT
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(Bufile 100-372598)

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Recurlet dated October 20, 1950 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, SECURITY MEASURES; INTERNAL SECURITY - C," which set forth information concerning a trip made by JOHN LAUTNER to Cleveland, Ohio, on January 14, 1950, at which time LAUTNER'S life was threatened by Communist Party members, JACK KLING, JOE BRANDT and SOLY WHELMAN, in a cellar of a deserted house, in a certain section of Cleveland, Ohio, the exact location unknown.

For the information of the Cleveland Office, JOHN LAUTNER was a former Communist Party functionary who was expelled from the Communist Party in January 1950, is presently being considered as a Government witness in the prosecution of the Communist Party under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Department of Justice attorneys have requested that any evidence which may substantiate LAUTNER'S story concerning his experience in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 14 and 15, 1950, be verified.

The Cleveland Office is requested to obtain from the Cleveland Hotel at Cleveland, Ohio, the registration card which JOHN LAUTNER signed under his true name on Saturday, January 14, 1950. LAUTNER stayed overnight at the Cleveland Hotel, departing on January 15, 1950. The Cleveland Office should obtain this registration card verifying LAUTNER'S stay

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March 1, 1951

Director, FBI PERSONAL ATTENTION

**COMMUNIST PARTY, USA.
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Rebutel which requested the New York Office to arrange to have potential Government witness John Lautner present in Washington, D. C., next Monday, March 5, for interviews in connection with the captioned matter.

There is being transmitted herewith a Government Transportation Request which will take care of his travel accommodations to Washington, D. C. This should be given to him in sufficient time for him to make adequate reservations.

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at this hotel and should forward same to the New York Office. LAUTNER described the Cleveland Hotel as being located next to the Union Station building. It should be noted that LAUTNER gave his forwarding address on the hotel registration card as 212 West 22d Street, New York City.

LAUTNER advised that when he departed from the Cleveland Hotel on Sunday, January 15, 1950, on that particular morning it was raining very hard, and that on Saturday, January 14, 1950, a terrific cold wind was coming in from the lake region. The Cleveland Office is requested to check the weather reports for January 14 and 15, 1950 in an endeavor to verify LAUTNER'S description of the weather conditions in Cleveland on those dates. This information should also be transmitted to the New York Office.

There is being enclosed herewith to the Cleveland Office a description set out in eight steps which LAUTNER describes as the steps or direction taken by him when he was met at either 79th or 95th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, by a car which drove him to the house where he was questioned and threatened. Also enclosed is a rough sketch map drawn by LAUTNER which will serve as a guide to the description.

The Cleveland Office is requested if at all possible to identify the location of this house where LAUTNER was threatened. However, if such a lead would entail a tremendous amount of work on the part of the Cleveland Office, then this lead should not be considered and the Bureau and this office so advised. In the event the Cleveland Office is successful in possibly identifying the location of this house, the Cleveland Office should then set forth the exactness or the reliability of LAUTNER'S description of the house.

It is requested that the hotel registration card and weather report checks be done as soon as possible and forwarded to the New York Office.

The Cleveland Office is also requested to obtain a certified copy of the naturalization papers of JOHN LAUTNER who was naturalized May 27, 1926 at Common Pleas Court,

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Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio, Naturalization Certificate
No. 2261454. This certified copy should also be forwarded to
the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

New York, New York

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March 16, 1951

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
JOHN LAUTNER - GOVERNMENT
WITNESS
(BUFILE 100-372598)

JOHN LAUTNER, a former Communist Party functionary, has been cooperating with the New York Office for several months and is presently being considered as a Government witness in the prosecution of the Communist Party under the Internal Security Act of 1950. This information is being set out for the benefit of the Salt Lake City Office; the Bureau is familiar with this person.

JOHN LAUTNER was divorced [redacted], at the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in the County of Washoe. The divorce was granted on August 16, 1950 to [redacted] plaintiff, vs. JOHN LAUTNER, defendant. Attorney ANTHONY M. TURANO represented the plaintiff; [redacted] represented the defendant. [redacted] address was listed as [redacted], Reno, Nevada.

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It should be noted that LAUTNER has advised that the attorney who represented him was not known by him, but that he gave consent to [redacted] attorney through correspondence to have [redacted] represent him. [redacted] apparently had been obtained through TURANO to give the proper appearance to the divorce proceedings. Informant stated that as a result of his being ousted from the Party and because of his confused state of mind at the time, he is unable to give the exact details as to the basis or grounds for the divorce. It should be noted that [redacted] is a Communist Party member and when the informant was expelled from the Communist Party in January 1950 [redacted] left him because she considered him an enemy of the Party.

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2 cc: ✓ Salt Lake City
1 cc: ✓ NY 66-3901

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~~Confidential~~ Letter to Director, FBI
NY 100-102320

At the request of the Department of Justice attorneys who are considering utilizing LAUTNER as a Government witness, they have requested certified copies of the divorce proceedings which may be used as evidence. The Salt Lake City Office is requested to obtain certified copies of the divorce, case No. 131192, in the Second Judicial District Court at Reno, Nevada.

The Salt Lake City Office is also requested to furnish any derogatory information in their files concerning the attorneys, ANTHONY M. TURANO and [redacted], inasmuch as JOHN LAUTNER was of the opinion that [redacted] no doubt was recommended to her attorney through Communist Party connections.

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The Salt Lake City Office upon receiving photostatic copies of the divorce papers will forward them to the New York Office. It is requested that this be accomplished as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

Director, FBI
SAC, New York

March 15, 1951

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT-1950

JOHN LAUTNER-GOVERNMENT WITNESS
(Bufile 100-372598)

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For the confidential information of the St. Louis Office, JOHN LAUTNER, a former Communist Party leader who was expelled from the CP in January of 1950, has been cooperating with the New York Office for the last several months. LAUTNER has been interviewed by attorneys for the Department of Justice and it is anticipated that he will be called as a government witness in the prosecution of the CP under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

Since LAUTNER may be used as a government witness, the St. Louis Office is requested to obtain certified copies of the Army service record for JOHN LAUTNER, Army Serial Number #32622865, Technician 4th Grade, Headquarters Command 2679.

LAUTNER received an honorable discharge from the Army Separation Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey on 6/20/45.

St. Louis is requested to furnish the New York Office with the certified copy of this Army record which upon request from the Department of Justice attorneys, will be made available to them by the New York Office.

2cc: St. Louis
1cc: NY file 66-3901 ✓

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100-102320

NEW YORK, NY
MARCH 12, 1951.

BUREAU (DEFERRED)

CP, USA; ISC. ISA FIFTY. EFFORTS TO CONTACT JOHN LAUTNER AT HIS HOTEL
THIS CITY RESULTED IN INFO BEING RECEIVED FROM HOTEL CLERK THAT MR. LAUTNER
WAS NOT EXPECTED BACK IN NYC UNTIL EITHER MARCH SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN, FIFTYONE.
APPARENTLY LAUTNER IS CONTINUING HIS INTERVIEWS WITH U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
ATTORNEYS IN PREPARATION TO APPEAR AS GOVERNMENT WITNESS. ABOVE FOR BUREAU
INFORMATION.

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66-3901-167

NEW YORK, NY
MARCH 6, 1951

BUREAU (URGENT)

CP, USA, ISC, ISA FIFTY. REBUTEL MARCH ONE, FIFTYONE, REQUESTING POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESS JOHN LAUTNER IN CAPTIONED MATTER BE IN WASHINGTON MARCH FIVE FOR CONFERENCES WITH DEPT. TELETYPE AUTHORIZED LAUTNER BEING INFORMED DEPT. WOULD COMPENSATE HIM AT THE RATE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER DAY, PLUS SIX DOLLARS PER DAY EXPENSES, PLUS TRANSPORTATION. SP. ASST. TO AG THOMAS J. DONEGAN ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY DEPT. TO INTERVIEW BENJAMIN GITLOW AND OFFER HIM A FLAT FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS PER DAY IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEWS BY THE DEPT. AND TESTIMONY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER. DONEGAN HAD APPOINTMENT WITH GITLOW THIS DATE AND AT THE REQUEST OF DONEGAN, SUPERVISOR W. T. MARCHESSAULT PRESENT. GITLOW ACCEPTED OFFER OF FIFTY DOLLARS PER DAY WHILE IN NEW YORK BUT STATED HE WOULD REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF TRAIN FARE PLUS PER DIEM OR HOTEL BILL IF HE HAD TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR INTERVIEW. DONEGAN TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH MR. MC INERNEY OF THE DEPT. AND DONEGAN STATED THAT MC INERNEY FELT THIS AGREEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPT. BUT MUST BE CONFIRMED BY PEYTON FORD. FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, APPARENTLY MC INERNEY FELT THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT MAY CAUSE LATER DIFFICULTY FOR THE DEPT. IN THAT OTHER GOVERNMENT WITNESSES BEING INTERVIEWED AND TO BE USED TO TESTIFY IN THESE CASES WILL BE PAID MUCH LESS THAN GITLOW AND FURTHER THAT THE FACT THAT GITLOW IS RECEIVING FIFTY DOLLARS PER DAY MINIMUM PLUS ADDITIONAL AMOUNT INDICATED ABOVE WOULD NO DOUBT COME OUT AT THE HEARINGS. THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS BEING CALLED TO CERTAIN POSSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

IF IT IS BROUGHT OUT AT A HEARING, AND IT NO DOUBT WILL BE, THAT GITLOW IS BEING
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PAID THE ABOVE STATED AMOUNT, INFORMANTS LIKE JOHN LAUTNER WOULD POSSIBLY BECOME HOSTILE WITNESSES. FURTHER IT WOULD TEND TO ALIENATE HIS COOPERATION WITH THE FBI. IT IS FELT BY THIS OFFICE THAT JOHN LAUTNER WOULD BE EQUALLY AS VALUABLE AS A WITNESS IN ISA OF FIFTY CASES AS GITLOW AND MORE SO ON PROSECUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACT. IT IS, THEREFORE, BEING RECOMMENDED THAT THE BUREAU CONSIDER TAKING UP WITH THE DEPT. THE SUGGESTION THAT IT CONSIDER INCREASING THE COMPENSATION PAID TO JOHN LAUTNER IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INTERVIEWS WITH THE DEPT. AS WELL AS POSSIBLY TESTIFYING AT FUTURE HEARINGS. THIS OFFICE FEELS THAT IN VIEW OF THE VALUABLE AND EXTENSIVE INFORMATION THAT LAUTNER HAS FURNISHED THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID LOSING HIS COOPERATION AND ESPECIALLY BECOMING A POSSIBLE HOSTILE WITNESS IN MANY ISA CASES WHICH NO DOUBT WILL COME UP FOR PROSECUTION.

SCHMIDT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 4, 1951

BUREAU

URGENT

CP, USA-ISC - ISA OF FIFTY. RE BUTEL MARCH THIRD FIFTY ONE. JOHN
LAUTNER DEPARTING TWELVE FIFTY FIVE AM TRAIN, PENN RAILROAD ON MARCH
FIFTH FIFTY ONE, UPPER SEVEN CAR AM DASH TWO EIGHT. ARRIVE WASH. D.C.
SEVEN AM. LAUTNER WILL REPORT TO ATTORNEYS PAILEY OR SHAPIRO CRIMINAL
DIVISION DEPT.

SCHEIDT

EB: EDM
cc 66-3901

66-3901-165

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. WHELAN
MR. STEIN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GILLESPIE
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. LEVVIS
MR. MARCHESS
MR. MCANDREW
NIGHT SUPERV
MR. RAGAN
MR. RING
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. WALSH
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NEW YORK 18 FROM WASH DC 1 3-29 PM /REPEAT
SAC DEFERRED

CP, USA-- IS-C-- ISA OF NINETEEN FIFTY. THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESS JOHN
LAUTNER IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONDAY
MORNING, MARCH FIVE, FOR APPROXIMATELY A WEEK-S DURATION
FOR INTERVIEWS IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARING HIM TO TESTIFY. YOU
SHOULD ADVISE MR. LAUTNER THAT HE WILL BE COMPENSATED BY THE
DEPARTMENT AT THE RATE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER DAY FOR HIS TIME
AND SIX DOLLARS PER DAY FOR EXPENSES. THERE IS BEING SENT
UNDER SEPARATE COVER A GTR WHICH WILL TAKE CARE OF HIS TRANSPORTA-
TION TO WASHINGTON, D. C., AND HE WILL BE FURNISHED ANOTHER FOR HIS
RETURN. IF THERE IS ANY EXTREME RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF MR.
LAUTNER TO ACCEPT THESE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, THE
DEPARTMENT WILL AUTHORIZE YOU TO GO AS HIGH AS TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS
PER DAY FOR HIS TIME AND NINE DOLLARS PER DIEM.
HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT THE FORMER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS
SHOULD BE ADEQUATE. MR. LAUTNER SHOULD ALSO BRING WITH HIM
ANY DOCUMENTS OR PAMPHLETS WHICH HE MAY FEEL PERTINENT TO THE
GOVERNMENT-S CASE. SUTEL IF LAUTNER UNABLE TO BE IN

WASHINGTON NEXT MONDAYAM.

HOOVER

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E. W. Buckley Jr.

66-3901-163

New York, New York

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

February 28, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CS NY 588

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The writer requests \$60 compensation for NY 588 for the service rendered, plus \$125.00 extra expense authorized by Bulet 2/23/51.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

EWB:LJR
66-3901

FBI - NEW YORK
FEB 28 1951

New York, New York
February 28, 1951

MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
EDUCATION

On 2/13/51, CI ND 588, advised that he was of the opinion that the National Training School of the CP was probably in session. He stated that the school usually starts in January or February and continues to shortly before the first of May.

The informant stated that usually not more than seven people attend this school and that as a general proportion it is held in a different city each year. Informant further stated that the classes are also held in different places in the city. He indicated the student might meet in the homes of various party members.

The informant suggested the following individuals might be connected with the school as instructors:

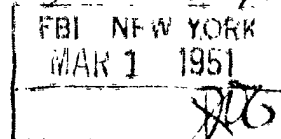
[REDACTED] School Directors

PETTIS PERRY - Negro problem
BETTY GANNETT - Organizational Problems - Political Economy
SID STEIN - Labor
JOHN WILLIAMSON - Labor
[REDACTED]
NED SPARKS - Maybe in charge

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cc-NY 66-391
cc-NY 100-9573 (Sparks)
NY 100-42479 [REDACTED]
NY 100-13204 [REDACTED]
NY 100-10304 [REDACTED]
NY 100-50845 [REDACTED]
NY 100-92763 (Perry)
NY 100-13483 (Gannett)
NY 100-50090 (Stein)
NY 100-23774 (Williamson)
NY 100-9595 ([REDACTED])

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MEMO

NY 100-80633

CI ND 588 further advised that in the National School there may be found three or four district organizers on leave from their districts, a couple of trade union leaders. Usually there is a Negro or a woman in the group. Informant stated that the latter is a political requirement.

Informant also stated that while in the N.Y. Public Library last week he observed [] doing some research work. He also said that about a month ago when visiting the library he saw [] doing some work. He suggested that she might be the woman member of the class.

Informant further advised that it is usual at this time each year to conduct the State Training School. He said that this is a cadre school of 15 or less students and is generally held away from NYC. He indicated the State School is under the personal charge of [] and wherever he is located there the school is being conducted.

ARTHUR B. MADIGAN, SA

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New York, New York

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

February 28, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
ND 588

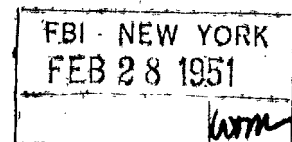
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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

EWB:LJR
66-3901



New York, New York
February 27, 1951

MEMO:

RE: ISIDORE COHEN
SM - C

CI ND 588, on 2/20/51 advised that the subject and his twin brother JOE COHEN were charter members of the CP. JOE COHEN ran for N.Y. State Senator in State Assembly on CP ticket in 1939 or 1936, from East Side District in NYC.

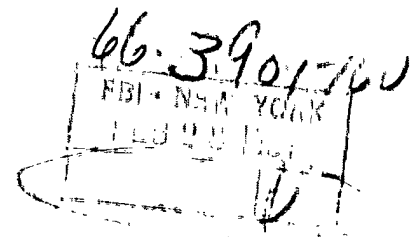
Subject married a school teacher [redacted] (ph), she is a NYC School teacher. She is a member of Board of Education, Marrows(ph) commission. The informant stated that subject and wife lived on [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted]. Subject is the business Agent for Jewelers Local AFL union. In early 30's subject was a CP organizer in Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject was and no doubt still is a CP member. Subject may have resigned from CP because of Taft Hartley Act but this is a cover up only, subject would still be connected with CP.

JOE COHEN lives in Sunnyside, LI and is in Photo Off-Set Business and a friend of Queens County CP leaders.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY, SA

cc-NY 66-3901
cc-NY 100- (Joe Cohen)

EWB:LEW
100-83052



NEW YORK, NY
FEB. 27, 1951

BUREAU - URGENT

CP, USA- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; IS-C. REBUTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX LAST.
ND FIVE EIGHT EIGHT WAS INTERVIEWED AT NYO ON THIS DATE. ONE. THE INFORMANT
ADVISED THAT JOSEPH STALIN'S STATEMENT REAFFIRMED THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE
SOVIET UNION. INFORMANT BELIEVED THE REASON FOR THE STATEMENT WAS TO BOLSTER
HIS POSITION IN THE SO CALLED NEW DEMOCRACIES AS WELL AS IN THE COMMUNIST
PARTIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ANOTHER PURPOSE FOR HIS STATEMENT WAS FOR THE
REASON THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS FOUR POWER CONFERENCE.
THIS STATEMENT CAME AT A TIME WHEN THERE WERE ELECTIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION.
INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE OVERALL PURPOSE OF STALIN'S STATEMENT IS TO
REAFFIRM THAT THE SOVIET POLICY IS FOR QUOTE PEACE AND DEMOCRACY UNQUOTE
AND TO POINT OUT THAT THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES LEAD BY THE U.S. ARE BENT
TOWARDS AND ORGANIZING A THIRD WORLD WAR. STALIN'S STATEMENT WILL SERVE
AS THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE PEACE AUTHORITY AND WILL BE USED EXTENSIVELY
BY ALL CP PARTIES AS PROPAGANDA ALL OVER THE WORLD. INFORMANT BELIEVES
ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THE STATEMENT WOULD BE TO SERVE AS AN ORDER FOR THE
STEPPING UP OF ACTIVITIES IN REGARDS TO THE PEACE MOVEMENT, AND TO
PROPAGANDIZE THE WESTERN COUNTRIES AS WAR MONGERS. STALIN'S STATEMENT
APPEARS TO BE AN AGGRESSIVE STATEMENT IN THAT HE DOES NOT APOLOGIZE FOR
THE ATTITUDE OR THE STAND TAKEN TO DATE BY THE SOVIET UNION EITHER BEFORE
THE U.N. OR OTHERWISE. STALIN'S STATEMENT IS CALCULATED TO FORCE THE

CC: 66-3901 ✓

EWB:JDF (#7)
100-86624

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LEADERS OF THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES TO TAKE A DEFENSIVE POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF PEACE. THIS STATEMENT INTENDS TO MINIMIZE THE DEFEAT RUSSIA SUFFERED IN THE U.N. ON THE QUESTION OF CHINESE AGRESSION. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT THE STATEMENT REAFFIRMS THE POLICY THAT THE CP OF THE SOVIET UNION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF STALIN IS THE ONLY LEADERSHIP IN THE SO CALLED STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. TWO. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT STALIN'S ATTACK ON ATLEE IS A CRUDE ATTEMPT TO CREATE A BREAK IN WESTERN DEMOCRACIES. STALIN SINGLED OUT ATLEE IN AN EFFORT TO DISRUPT THE RANKS OF THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY ITSELF ON THE QUESTION OF PEACE. STALIN WANTS TO CREATE A BRITISH GOVERNMENT CRISIS BY HIS ATTACK ON ATLEE RESULTING IN THE OUSTER OF ATLEE. STALIN QUESTIONED ATLEE'S KNOWLEDGE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY BY STATING QUOTE HOW CAN ATLEE ACCUSE RUSSIA OF PREPARING FOR WAR UNQUOTE. THE FACT IS RUSSIA HAS A PLANNED ECONOMY WHICH WILL BENEFIT ITS FAST EXPANSION SAYS STALIN. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT SINCE ATLEE AS HEAD OF THE BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ACCEPTED STALIN'S CONCEPT QUOTE OF PRESERVING THE PEACE UNQUOTE, THEREFORE ATLEE CANNOT BE ANYTHING BUT A WARMONGER. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT ^{BY} THE ATTACK ON ATLEE, STALIN LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR INCREASED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE BRITISH POSSESSIONS AND IN BRITISH DOMINIONS. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT THIS AT ACK ON ATLEE IS TO DISCREDIT AND BELITTLE HIM SINCE STALIN IS AWARE THAT ATLEE IS IN A DIFFICULT SPOT TODAY SINCE

HIS CONTROL OF PARLIMENT AMOUNTS TO ONLY A FEW VOTES. THREE. IN REGARDS TO THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF THE WESTERN POWERS, STALIN'S STATEMENT REAFFIRMS THE POSITION TAKEN BY HIS REPRESENTATIVES, NAMELY MALIK AND VISHINSKY, AT THE U.N. IN THE RECENT MEETINGS ON THE QUESTION OF CHINA, KOREA, ETC. THE INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE STATEMENT WILL SERVE AS A GUIDE TO ANY SOVIET UNION DELEGATE WHO WILL TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS FOR PEACE AND WILL EMBARRASS THE OTHER MINISTERS BY POINTING OUT THAT THEY ARE SUPPORTING A WAR POLICY OF THE WESTERN POWERS BY SPONSORING AND SUPPORTING THE GENERAL EISENHOWER PROGRAM, AND BY THE EXTENSION OF THE MARSHAL PLAN AID TO YUGOSLOVIA AND SPAIN. THE STATEMENT TENDS TO PLACE THE MINISTERS OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES ON A DEFENSIVE SIDE. FOUR. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT THE SOVIET'S POSITION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT CAPITALISM AND THE ERA OF IMPERIALISM AS AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEM IS ON A DECLINE. RUSSIA HAS POINTED OUT QUITE FREQUENTLY OF LATE THAT EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE LIVE UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM IN THE NEW DEMOCRACIES IN HARMONY AND CONTENTMENT. STALIN HAS ATTEMPTED TO SHOW, THEREFORE, THAT CAPITALISM TO MAINTAIN ITS DOMINATION AND NOT TO LOSE FURTHER GROUND INEVITABLY RESORTS TO WAR. THIS PROPAGANDA STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY STALIN TO SOLVE ANY ECONOMIC CONTRADICTIONS WITHIN RUSSIA AND TO CONTINUE THEIR HOLD OF POLITICAL DOMINATION OVER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. INFORMANT BELIEVES

THE POSITION OF STALIN WHO DECLARES QUOTE OF FIRST RATE IMPORTANCE UNQUOTE FOR RUSSIA IS THE CONTINUED STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT STALIN WANTS TO CREATE IRRITATION, DISCONTENT, ETC. IN THE PEOPLES OF THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES BY PROPAGANDIZING THAT RUSSIA WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR PEACE AND THAT WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT TIME. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THE LONGER STALIN CAN PREPARE FOR WAR UNDER THE DISGUISE OF STRUGGLING FOR PEACE THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENTS WILL DECLINE, BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES ARE PLACED UNDER IN CONTINUING THEIR PRESENT PROGRAM. THE INFORMANT ALSO STATES THAT STALIN PREACHES PEACE BUT AT THE SAME TIME WILL TRY TO PROJECT LOCAL WARS AND CREATE NEW POINTS OF IRRITATION BETWEEN THE WEST AND THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT STALIN APPEARS TO FAVOR A CONTINUATION OF THE COLD WAR BUT IN A MORE INTENSIFIED FORM AND THAT RUSSIA WILL ATTEMPT WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO CREATE OR CAUSE ANY WARS OF LIBERATION OF COLONIAL PEOPLES. THE INFORMANT STATES THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL ALWAYS DEFEND SUCH LOCAL WARS AS QUOTE JUST WARS UNQUOTE OF THE PROLETARIAT. FIVE. IN REGARDS TO THE RECENT BREAK OF SEVERAL PROMINENT CP LEADERS IN ITALY, INFORMANT STATES THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THESE LEADERS BEING DISSATISFIED WITH THE METHODS AND SOME OF THE POLICIES SET DOWN BY THE ITALIAN CP LEADERSHIP. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT THE IMPORTANT POINT TO CONSIDER IS THAT THE CAUSE FOR SUCH DISAFFECTION

IS THE LACK OF DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE IN THE CP IN ANY COUNTRY. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT NO ONE CAN VOICE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION CONTRARY TO THE PROJECTED LINE OF THE CP AND CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING. ALTHOUGH THE PARTY PREACHES THAT ANY COMRADE CAN VOICE AN HONEST DISAGREEMENT WITH THE CP LINE, THE INFORMANT STATES THIS IS NOT SO. ANYONE DEVIATING FROM THE PARTY LINE BY EITHER GOING TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT IS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO TASK. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM IN ITALY DURING THE PAST YEARS THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP IN ITALY HAS PROBABLY SHOWN SOME OF THE DEFECTED ITALIAN LEADERS THAT THEY MUST ACCEPT THE PARTY LINE WITHOUT QUESTION. THE INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT THESE DEFECTIONS WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE CP OF ITALY BECAUSE THE ITALIAN PEOPLE ARE SOMEWHAT NATIONALISTIC AND WHEN THE RANK AND FILE GROUPS SEE THE LEADERS DEFECTING THEY MAY CONSENT TO FOLLOW THEIR LEADERS, RESULTING IN GROUPS OR BRANCHES WALKING OUT ON THE PARTY RESULTING IN SERIOUS ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS TO THE CP OF ITALY. SIX. IN REGARDS TO THE CP OF CHINA, THE INFORMANT STATED IT IS DIFFICULT TO ANSWER AT THIS TIME HOW SUCCESSFUL THE CHINESE CP WILL BE IN ORGANIZING THE CHINESE PEOPLE BECAUSE SUCCESS OR FAILURE WILL DEPEND ON PREVAILING WORLD CONDITIONS. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE U.N. FORCES IN KOREA MAY BELITTLE THE CHINESE CP IN THE EYES OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THE INFORMANT

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STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION NINETY NINE PER CENT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE
ARE IGNORANT OF THE AIMS OF THE CP OF CHINA.

SCHEIDT

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: February 23, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ND-588

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. WHELAN
MR. STEIN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GILLESPIE
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. LEVVIS
MR. MADDEN
MR. MONTGOMERY
MR. NICHOLS
MR. ROSEN
MR. TOLSON
MR. WALKER
MR. WOOD
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

Reurlet February 5, 1951.

Since Lautner is not furnishing current information on Communist Party activity due to his expulsion from the Communist Party, he should be designated a confidential source. A notation to that effect has been made at the Bureau and you should do likewise. There is no objection to your continuing the use of his permanent symbol number.

With regard to Lautner's desire to obtain a position with the Voice of America, it is the Bureau's opinion that affirmative steps should not be taken by the Bureau to assist him in this regard. If, however, Lautner submits an application to VOA, the Bureau will furnish the facts of his recent cooperation for VOA's confidential information but at the same time it will be pointed out by the Bureau that the Bureau cannot vouch for Lautner. You may tell Lautner the Bureau will acknowledge his recent cooperation but cannot, due to his past Communist affiliation, deny such association or vouch for his ability in relation to any employment he may desire.

Authority is given to furnish Lautner up to \$125 to be used by him in attempting to obtain a card in the Bricklayers Union.

In view of Lautner's financial condition, after the present interviews with him are terminated, you should recommend a particular sum which you think he should receive if he is able to be of assistance in regard to Bureau cases requiring his cooperation.

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G. W. Buckley B

DIRECTOR, FBI

February 21, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950
(Bureau File # 100-3-74)
(Bureau File # 100-372598)

100-10177 Bureau Information 2 15 51

Enclosed herewith is a copy of "THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL- Special Chinese Number", VOL. XIII dated February 1936, Special Number. This copy was furnished by MD 588, for the Bureau's information and for the information of the Department of Justice Attorneys WILLIAM PAISLEY and IRVING SHAPIRO.

It should be noted that MD 588 was interviewed by these attorneys relative to his appearance as a government witness in connection with the prosecution of the CP USA under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

Enclosure - 1

CC: 100- 102330
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New York, New York

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February 15, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
ND 588

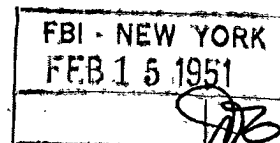
On 2/1 & 13/51 the above informant was interviewed in N.Y. Office for information on various phases of Communist Party Activity by agents interested in such phases. The informant discussed the Tenants League; CP Funds; Compic; Hungarian Matters; CP Press and Education as well as information on BERNARD CHESTER, IS-R, etc.

On 2/5/51 the writer interviewed the informant on specific questions furnished by the Bureau plus review of routing slips on subjects of SM-C, Applicant and Loyalty cases.

In view of the cooperation furnished by ND 588 for 3 interviews the sum of \$60 is requested.

E. W. BUCKLEY
SA

EWB:LJR
66-3901



New York, New York
FEB 10 1951

MEMO

Re: CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT 588

On December 14, 1950, Confidential Informant ND 588
furnished the following information:

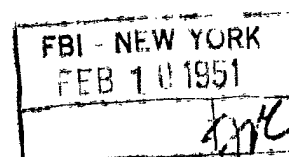
He stated that PETER HARISIADES has contended that after EARL BROWDER had ordered all non-citizens out of the CP that he, HARISIADES, left the Party. Informant advised that this contention of HARISIADES is not so because up until 1948 HARISIADES had attended meetings of the National Groups Commission of the CP under the chairmanship of STEVE NELSON. Informant stated that it would have been impossible for a non-Party member to attend such meetings.

Informant stated that HARISIADES participated actively in the discussions of these meetings, and that on one occasion during a discussion on the Trieste question sometime in 1947 or 1948, [redacted], whom he described as a member of the Italian group, supported the Italian position on Trieste.

For this reason, informant stated, since that position was not in line with the CP line, [redacted] was censored by the Party and MIKE SALERNO later wrote an article clearly setting forth the CP position on the Trieste question.

At this same meeting, according to the informant, the question of Macedonia came up for discussion and PETER HARISIADES differed in his opinion with [redacted]. Informant recalled that HARISIADES differed with [redacted] position in that HARISIADES supported the Greek CP position as announced by the Greek Communist, General MARKOS.

cc: PETER HARISIADES (100-82579)
[redacted] (100-98334)
[redacted] (100-18129)
[redacted] (100-64879)
MIKE SALERNO (100-64382)
[redacted] (100-58757)
EDITH ROSENBERG (100-55159)
FEDERATION OF GREEK MARITIME UNIONS (100-80094)
ABRAHAM UNGER (100-73561)
[redacted] (100-58620)
AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC PEACE (100-65601)



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Informant stated that HARISIADES was accepted by the CP as the Greek national leader of the Greek CP in the US.

On one occasion, the informant stated, sometime in the Summer of 1949, PETER HARISIADES came to the informant in the Office of the State Review Commission of the CP in NYC with a Greek seaman's book which book had been issued by the Greek Government in Cairo.

According to the informant, PETER HARISIADES requested the informant to forge a number of copies of the seaman's book, stating that he wanted to use copies of the seaman's book to smuggle Greek seamen into Greece for the purpose of having them join the Greek rebel army. Informant stated that he advised HARISIADES that the seaman's book was a poor copy and that a forgery could not be made.

Subsequent to this incident, informant advised, approximately two months later [redacted], whom the informant described as the regional director of the West Side Section of the CP, approached the informant with the same Greek seaman's book, and requested that forged copies be made. Informant stated that [redacted] was similarly advised that because of the poor condition of the book no copies could be forged.

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Informant advised that the "Greek-American Tribune" is a Greek newspaper, and that as far as he could recall, HARISIADES was at one time connected with this newspaper and that the paper followed the Party line as dictated by the American CP.

Informant advised that one EDITH ROSENBERG, who was connected with the American Council for a Democratic Peace, participated at CP meetings at the national headquarters of the CP at NYC sometime during 1947 and 1948 during the period when the Greek situation was critical. He advised that PETER HARISIADES was the moving factor behind the American Council for a Democratic Peace.

It is to be noted that the American Council for a Democratic Peace is presently defunct, but has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

It is further noted that EDITH ROSENBERG was the executive secretary of the American Council for a Democratic Peace.

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Informant identified a picture of one [redacted], whom he described as an individual who attended meetings of the CP during 1947 and 1948. He described [redacted] as some kind of a functionary of the Greek Seamen's Union.

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In this connection it is noted that [redacted] as Confidential Source of Information [redacted] Southern Building, Bronx, New York, had described [redacted] as a Greek Communist who was a member of the Greek Communist club Maltezos in 1949. [redacted] stated that the Maltezos Club ceased functioning sometime in 1949.

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ND 588 advised further that there are two Greek Communist clubs which he believes are operating in NYC. One, he stated, is the old Greek Communist club which used to meet at the Spartacus Club, 25th Street and Eighth Avenue, and some new Greek club composed of the younger element among the Greeks concerning which he could furnish no further information.

Informant advised that ABRAHAM UNGER is a Party organizer of the Lawyer's Section of the CP. He advised further that [redacted] and [redacted] are both members of the Lawyer's Section of the CP.

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ND 588 stated that he had conducted business dealings both with UNGER and [redacted], and that they had attended high committee meetings of the CP in 1949. He recalled that both UNGER and [redacted] were present at Party meetings which were called for the purpose of expelling BELLA DODD.

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He also advised that [redacted] attended Party meetings, and he recalled that in 1940 [redacted] was sent by the Party to West Virginia for the purpose of rendering legal aid for members of the Party.

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NATIONAL GROUPS COMMISSION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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On January 17 and January 23, 1951, Confidential Informant ND 588 advised SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY of this office that the correct title of captioned organization is National Groups Commission, which is short for The National Commission on National Groups, and that it is not National Group Commission. He also said that the correct title for the similar organization in New York State is New York State National Groups Commission.

It has been noticed in the past that sometimes the letters and other correspondence issued by the National and New York State organizations did not always refer to these organizations under their correct title.

The informant continued that in 1945 when [redacted] was [redacted] of the National Groups Commission, he was close to EARL BROWDER and in that year was succeeded by STEVE NELSON. The informant recalled that at the time STEVE NELSON became Chairman the following were members of the National Groups Commission:

ISRAEL AMTER
ALEXANDER BITTELMAN

[redacted]
PETER HARRISIADES
JOHN LAUTNER

[redacted]
SAM MILGROM
[redacted]

The informant said that subsequently MICHAEL SALERNO replaced [redacted] When NELSON left, he was succeeded by ARNOLD JOHNSON and JACK STACHEL. Under JOHNSON and STACHEL the methods of operation of the commission were changed. Meetings were held

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once a month and at that time they called in the editors of the various papers controlled by the Party for a review of the newspaper's line and for indoctrination of the editors in the latest Party line. The informant related that once a week at each paper there is also a meeting of the staff for about a half hour or so to explain the Party line which must be followed by the paper.

The informant stated that when [] became [], he followed the same policies that had been introduced by JOHNSON and STACHEL.

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The informant advised that the next most important man after the Chairman is a SAM MILGROM, who owes his importance to his post in the multi-lingual International Workers Order.

The informant declared that there is a division of work on the National Groups Commission between the 9th floor and the 5th floor. He recalled that the 5th floor takes care of Puerto Rican work, which is handled on a state level by ISRAEL AMTER and GEORGE BLAKE, who are the specialists on Puerto Rican work. The informant stated that the Puerto Rican Commission also handles Spanish matters. He said that there was a struggle for years between the Puerto Rican group and the Spanish group but that now the Puerto Ricans have won out. He continued that ISRAEL AMTER is their contact at Party headquarters.

The informant advised that an individual known only as [] to him pays attention to all Spanish problems and is the contact of the Party on all Cuban problems. The informant added that [] consults the National Committee on all Caribbean and Latin American problems and at one time had an office on the 9th floor. It should be noted that the above individual is []

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The informant said that there is also a separate commission for the Negroes which is headed on a national level by BEN DAVIS and PETTIS PERRY and by [] in New York State. He said that the balance of the National Groups Commission work was handled on the 9th floor.

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The informant identified the [redacted] of the New York State National Groups Commission as [redacted].

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The informant stated that under the National Groups Commission there are various commissions for each national group and that the membership of these commissions is very fluid and changes frequently. The informant furnished the following information concerning the various National Groups Commissions set out below:

National Jewish Commission, CP, USA - This commission was formerly known as the Jewish Buro. Its Chairman until recently was ALEXANDER BITTELMAN. BITTELMAN was such an important figure in the Communist hierarchy that [redacted] substituted for him at meetings. When [redacted] could not do so ISIDORE WOPSY, former District Organizer in Connecticut, took BITTELMAN'S place.

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According to the informant, the National Jewish Commission has jurisdiction over all phases of the Jewish progressive movement such as cultural schools and propaganda. It carries on the fight against the Jewish Socialists and especially against the Jewish "Daily Forward." The "Morning Freiheit" is only one instrument of the National Jewish Commission. The membership of the Board of Directors of the "Morning Freiheit" is not identical with that of the National Jewish Commission.

The informant explained that the Jewish Commission is like a big holding company for all Jewish work. He added that the National Jewish Commission is much more complicated than any other National Group Commission because of the great number of organizations and of Party officials who are Jewish. He said their big difficulty consists of explaining Soviet policy to the Jewish people. He added that the Soviet officials in setting their policy never consider the Communist Party, USA, and as a result situations often arise wherein Soviet policy is most difficult to explain to the Jewish people.

The National Jewish Commission has subcommittees wherever there is a "Morning Freiheit" office, built around that office-- in Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Newark and Philadelphia.

The informant identified the following commissions under the control of the National Groups Commission as well as the leaders of these commissions:

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German Commission - [redacted] b6
Hungarian Commission - ZOLTAN DEAK b7C
Greek Commission - PETER HARRISIADES
Yugoslav Commission - LEO FISHER and ANTONY MINERICH,
both in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Italian Commission - Formerly MIKE SALERNO
Rumanian Commission - HARRY FAINARU, Editor of the
"Romanul American," Detroit,
Michigan
Armenian Commission - [redacted] of
"Lrapper," published in New
York City b6
Polish Commission - Formerly BOLESZAW GEBERT, now b7C
THOMAS S. DOMBROWSKI
Slovak Commission - Formerly [redacted] in early
1940's. Informant did not know
identity of present Slovak leader.
Czech Commission - [redacted]
Puerto Rican Commission - JESUS COLON
Lithuanian Commission - [redacted]
Estonian Commission - FELIX KUSMAN former leader
Chinese Commission - [redacted] b6
[redacted] of the "China Daily News" b7C
Finnish Commission - [redacted], who is now in
[redacted] Wisconsin, and is
of the Finnish Section
of the International Workers Order.

The informant advised that [redacted] at one time was a
Communist Party organizer in Harlem, New York; later in
Minnesota; now back in Wisconsin.

The informant explained that a [redacted], whose first
name he did not know, at one time headed the Austrian Commission
but that he went back to Vienna a few years ago. The informant
did not know the identity of the present leader. b6
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In regard to the Lithuanian Commission the informant
stated that [redacted] was the [redacted] of the
Lithuanian Commission due to the fact that the National Committee
wanted to relegate ANTHONY BIMBA to a less important position.

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The informant stated that the Estonian Communists meet at an Estonian Workers Club which is located in the vicinity of 125th Street and Second Avenue, New York City.

The informant stated that at one time there was an Indonesian Commission which was headed by an individual whose name he could not recall. He remembered, however, that this individual left for Poland two years ago and he believes he has returned to Indonesia since then.

The informant added that the Scandinavian Communists are a very small group in the United States and are mostly located in Seattle and Chicago. He had no information as to whether a Scandinavian Commission existed or not.

The informant was unable to furnish any information as to whether any Bulgarian Commission or Philippine Commission existed. He did advise, however, that the Bulgarians had a paper in Detroit.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and of those offices receiving copies of instant letter.

Director, FBI

February 5, 1951

De SAC, New York

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A
JOHN LAUTNER
ND-588
(Bureau File 100-16177)

Reourlet 10/31/50 and Bulets 11/9/50 and 1/30/51.

ND-588 has been cooperating with this office since approximately October, 1950, and during these past several months has furnished valuable and reliable information concerning his knowledge of Communist Party activities. This informant has furnished reliable information relative to such phases of Communist Party activity dealing with underground activity and security measures, as well as the National Groups Commission, Communist Party connection with the ALP, etc. This informant has furnished valuable information concerning National Communist Party functionaries.

The informant has been interviewed by agents of this office relative to the various phases of Communist Party activity as mentioned above and has rendered wholehearted cooperation with every agent. It is to be noted that the informant has been honest in his appraisal of Communist Party activity, and when the informant was not in a position to answer a question based on his past Communist Party association, the informant unhesitatingly remarks that he does not know an answer to a particular question. The informant has also indicated that when he answers a question put to him, he will answer the question based on facts or he will indicate whether his answer is based on hearsay remarks as related to him by other Communists whom he knew.

ND-588 has advised that he has endeavored to secure employment through the United States Employment Service as well as private employment agencies, but with negative results thus far. The informant has advised that he has made a twenty dollar down payment towards receiving a Union card in the Bricklayers Union in New York City in an endeavor to find part-time employment as a bricklayer, if at all possible, in the Spring season when activity in such work is on the increase. Informant stated that in order to receive a Union card, remarking that once he was a member of the Bricklayers Union, it will cost him about \$125.00. Informant stated that at the present time he has approximately \$300 personal savings, which he must count on for his sole support, which is excluding the money received from this office.

The informant has continued to reside in a small single room at the Midway

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Hotel, 100th Street and Broadway, New York City, since about December, 1950. Informant has advised that because of limited funds available to him plus the fact that he realizes that sooner or later his financial connection with this office will have to come to an end, he has humbly asked the Bureau if they can render any assistance at all in securing employment for him. Informant stated that because of his past Communist background between the period 1930 and 1950, this portion of his life, he believes, will serve as a mark of distinction to his detriment in securing employment in the future.

In discussing with the informant what particular type of employment he had in mind in which he thought this Bureau could be of assistance to him, the informant stated that in view of his past Communist Party connection and his extensive knowledge of the Communist Party Line and its methods of propaganda, he thought he may be able to serve himself and his Government as well by being connected, if at all possible, as an analyst or research man, or otherwise, in the Voice of America. The informant stated that since he is free and not tied down with family obligations, his wife being divorced from him, he would be willing to work any hours or serve the Government in any city or State, if he were granted the opportunity to become connected with the Voice of America. Salary would be no object as long as it afforded him a living wage.

Informant stated his desire to be connected with the Voice of America would be one way of trying to expose the Communist Party either here or abroad in one way or another through the medium of the Voice of America.

It should be noted that the informant is more than willing to testify in any Bureau case as well as testify as a Government witness under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The informant has set forth a resume of his background which he thinks may qualify him for some type of position with the Voice of America.

Resume:

"As to my knowledge of the Hungarian language:

- 1) Went to Hungarian Public, High School and 1 1/2 to Teachers College.
- 2) From 1929 up to present spent substantial time in Hungarian Affairs in U.S.

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- "(a) From 1930 to 1933 editorial worker, speaker for the 'Uj Elore', Hungarian Daily.
- (b) 1941-42 editorial worker for 'Magyar Jove'.
- (c) 1942 National Secretary of the Hungarian Section of International Workers Order.
- (d) At war period, 1943-45, was with Psychological Warfare Branch for 24 months in Africa and Italy. Monitored Hungarian programs, wrote leaflets in Hungarian for distribution in Hungary by 15th U.S. Air Force; also did broadcasting in the Hungarian language to Hungary from Radio Station Bari, 283 m. longwave.
- (e) 1945-46 was active in Hungarian affairs with 'Magyar Jove', Hungarian Council for Democracy, Hungarian Relief, etc.

"Being a leading member of the Communist Party for 20 years, I feel competent in detecting Communist propaganda in any form, also qualified to refute, counteract such propaganda.

"I am a graduate of War Department Military Intelligence Training School at Camp Ritchy, Md.-1943. 5th Class."

In view of the informant's cooperative attitude and humble request seeking assistance in any way possible from this office, the Bureau is requested to consider the request of this informant.

The above information is set forth to the Bureau in the event the Bureau desires to sound out or contact a high official of the Voice of America who may be in a position to be of some assistance in helping the informant become associated with the Voice of America. It should be noted that no promises of any kind have been made to the informant pertaining to any assistance this office could render. As a matter of fact, the informant has been advised of the Bureau's feelings as set forth in their letter dated November 9, 1950.

However, it is felt that since the informant is facing a financial obligation and is somewhat upset about his future in so far as making a living, that in dire necessity the informant may attempt to peddle his information or knowledge of Communist Party activity to either private agencies who are interested in securing such information against the Communists; or to other Government agencies, such as, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, where such people as the informant have been given jobs and then are called on to testify in the Immigration and Naturalization Service's cases.

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It should be noted that the informant in keeping his original promise to this office has advised that he has not contacted any other private company, government agencies, newspapers, or writers in an attempt to sell information in his possession relative to Communist Party activity. The informant has by no means threatened to take such a step in the event this Bureau can render him no assistance, but there is always a possibility because of personal hardship he may get the idea to follow such a pattern.

The Bureau is requested to review the above suggestion and advise this office as to a final recommendation.

New York, New York

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February 3, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNDI - 588

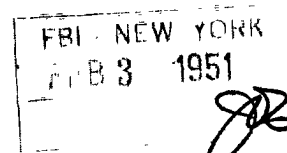
During the period 1/21 thru 3/51 the above informant was contacted four times by the writer for information on past Communist Party Activity.

On 1/23/51 this informant was interviewed for several hours in the N.Y. Office. Informant identified from photographs a number of comrades known to him, who attended the 15th National Communist Party convention. Informant also furnished information on different divisions of C.P. activity such as National Groups Commission, Tenants; and background on C.P. national functionaries.

In view of the above the sum of \$50.00 should be paid ND 588 for this period.

E. W. BUCKLEY
SA

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Director, FBI

February 2, 1951

SAC, New York

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947

ReBulet 12/26/50 and ourlet 1/12/51.

In ourlet of January 12, 1951, the information furnished in this letter came from ND 588, and not ND 558, which is the symbol now set out in ourlet.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: January 30, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER
ND 588
Your file 66-3901

MR. SCHEIDT

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PROPERTY CLERK

TRAINING CLERK

Based upon the personal recommendation contained in your letter of January 22, 1951, approval is granted to pay Lautner at a decreased rate of \$20 per interview, effective February 1, 1951, for a six months period. These interviews should be limited to two a week and if they exceed that number you should advise the Bureau.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: JESUS COLON
INTERNAL SECURITY -C

On January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised that to his knowledge the subject is a member of the Committee for Puerto Rican and Spanish island problems of the Communist Party.

He had no further knowledge of the subject, however.

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MEMO

Re: [redacted], was.
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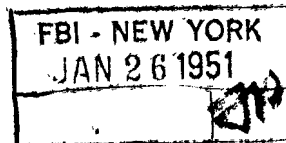
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During interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951 he advised that the subject is known to him to have been an old-time [redacted] for the Communist Party, being particularly active in the Bronx area, but he could furnish no further information concerning her.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED], was.
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In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the informant furnished the following information regarding the subject:

In late 1941 or early 1942, [REDACTED] of the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party, directed the subject, BOLESŁAW GEBERT, JOHN LAUTNER and [REDACTED] to assume functionary positions in various nationality sections of the IWO in order to bolster that organization which was then regarded as having been weakened because of inadequate leadership on the part of MAX FEDACHT.

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[REDACTED], according to the informant, has since been expelled from the Party as a Browderite.

Prior to this IWO assignment, the subject was known to the informant to have been in charge of national group work for the New York State Communist Party. The informant stated that he last saw [REDACTED] at the Communist Party Headquarters in September, 1949 but did not know for what purpose [REDACTED] was present.

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[REDACTED], SA

cc: 100-2936 (IWO)
100-27548 (BOLESŁAW GEBERT)
~~100-16516 (JOHN LAUTNER)~~
100-18129 [REDACTED]
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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
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In interview on January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised that to his knowledge the subject has been active in the Communist Party since about 1926. The informant, himself, was in attendance at a Communist Party training school in New York City in 1930.

It was brought out at that school that the Party at that time was having trouble with [REDACTED] who then was a resident of Akron, Ohio, because of his wanting to start his own newspaper in Akron against the wishes of the Party.

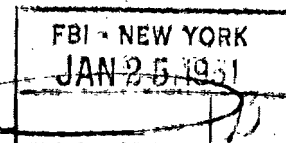
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Previous to living in New York City [REDACTED] had been a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, where he was employed on a Hungarian newspaper and functioned as [REDACTED] of the Hungarian Communist Party group in Cleveland. This was approximately in 1937 and 1938. About 1939 he came to New York City and became connected with the Hungarian newspaper "Magyer Jovo."

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On January 16, 1951, ID 508 advised that the subject is the [REDACTED] Arrow Farms at Monroe, New York, which farm is operated by the Russian sections of the IWO for their members.

According to the informant, the subject is a "buddy from war service" who is active in local politics around Monroe, and it was through this individual that Arrow Farms was able to obtain a liquor license. This license is essential to the profitable operation of the farm, and the management of the farm is extremely careful to avoid any incidents which might become a basis for revocation of this license.

A recent memo submitted by SA [REDACTED] related that the local officers in Monroe had been called to Arrow Farms by the management to expell individuals who were seeking signatures to the Stockholm Peace Petition there.

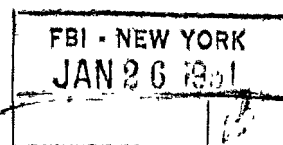
The informant characterized this action on the part of the farm management as "window dressing", and states that this action was taken only to prevent any complaints being made with respect to activities on the farm which would result in difficulty with respect to its liquor license.

The informant had no knowledge regarding [REDACTED] personally.

[REDACTED], SA

cc: 100-95513 (ARROW FARMS)
SA [REDACTED] (for info)
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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: ALEX REVESZ, wa., Alex Rosenberg
SECURITY MATTER -C

In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the writer was advised by the informant that the subject operates a tailoring and dry cleaning business near 70th or 80th Street on Lexington or Madison Avenue.

The informant stated that to his knowledge, this person is a member of the Yorkville Branch of the Communist Party, and that he has met him at meetings of this branch during 1948 and 1949 at a time when a series of lectures was being given to that branch by JOHN LAUGHER, of the New York State Communist Party, in behalf of the Communist Party National Groups Commission.

Informant described the subject as being over 60 years old, 5'4" in height, blue eyes, wears glasses, has a "falling lower lip", and thin sharp nose, weighting about 145 pounds.

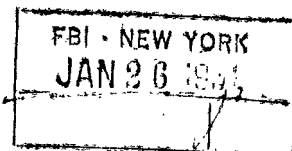
It is recommended that a case be opened on the subject.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951 the writer was advised by the informant that the subject has been [REDACTED] of the Hungarian Brotherhood of the IWO for an extensive period of time.

Informant advised that [REDACTED] is employed with [REDACTED] who operates a [REDACTED] in the Bronx. He could supply no definite address.

[REDACTED] is known to the informant to be a member of the Communist Party in the Bronx since at least 1945 and to be a member of the Hungarian Bureau of the Communist Party. According to the informant, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were [REDACTED] in 1949 because of her objection to his activities within the Communist Party.

[REDACTED] SA

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER -C

In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the informant stated that [redacted] is not regarded as valuable to the Party as an activist any longer. He based his conclusion on the fact that [redacted] had been sent to Italy by the Party in 1947 purportedly to aid the Italian Communists in the then current national Italian elections.

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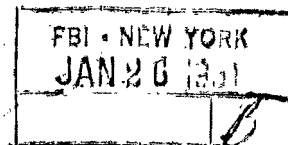
According to the informant, the real purpose behind this trip was to ease [redacted] out of the picture in the International Workers Order.

Informant stated he knows of no particular activity on the subject's part since his return from that trip to Italy.

[redacted], SA

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cc: 66-3901 ✓



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66-3901-741

New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

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In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the writer was advised that in 1942 the informant knew [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] for the IWO in the New Jersey district, and a member of the Communist Party at that time.

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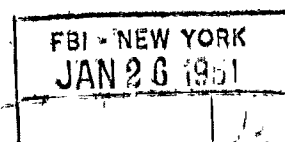
The informant advised that about that time, [REDACTED] converted some [REDACTED] by the IWO and expelled from the Communist Party. He eventually [REDACTED] and has been reinstated in the Party and is currently a member in good standing, active in the distributive trades branch of the Party.

[REDACTED] SA

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66-3901-110

New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

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On January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised that the subject is known to him to be an employee of the United Electrical Workers Union.

According to the informant, she was in Moscow in 1945, and it was common gossip around Party Headquarters at that time that she was [REDACTED], during the time she was in Moscow.

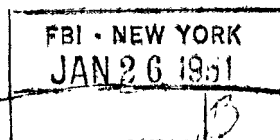
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The informant stated he had no personal knowledge or knew of no faction which would substantiate this information.

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66-3901-12

New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: CHARLEY DIRBA, wa., K. Lapin
SECURITY MATTER -C

During interview on January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised that about one year ago he met [redacted], Russian Section, IWO, on the street and [redacted] asked the question, "What about CHARLEY DIRBA." The informant took this question to mean with respect to DIRBA'S reliability or an indirect inquiry as to whether or not DIRBA was a Communist Party member. He stated he okayed DIRBA to [redacted] as a Party member.

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The informant stated that he has no direct knowledge if [redacted] is a Communist Party member, but assumes that he must be because he holds a functionary position in the IWO.

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[redacted] advised the informant at this time that DIRBA was then living in Flushing, New York.

To the informant's knowledge, DIRBA was secretary of the Communist Party Control Commission and was very active for about twenty years until around 1945 when he simply dropped out of sight, and the informant has not heard any mention of him in Party circles since that time. Because of this, the informant believes the possibility exists that DIRBA might be doing confidential work for the Party, and in that connection had possibly come to [redacted] attention.

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Informant was unable to amplify his comments in this respect.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

In interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951 the writer was advised that to the informant's knowledge, [REDACTED] came to New York City about 1940 to attend a national Communist Party training school. The informant and another student were referred to a rooming house on either [REDACTED] Street which was being managed by the subject at that time.

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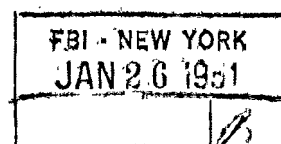
Informant considered that [REDACTED] must have been connected with the Communist Party at that time or otherwise Party members would not have been referred to his establishment.

[REDACTED] SA

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100-73077



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66-3901-137

New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: EUGENE GORDON
SECURITY MATTER -C

The following information was furnished by ND 588 on
January 16, 1951:

About two years ago, the informant was present at a local
Communist Party club fund raising party held in the subject's residence
on Twelfth Street, exact address not known. [redacted]
and [redacted] were identified by the informant as being present at
this party as members of the club in whose benefit it was being given.

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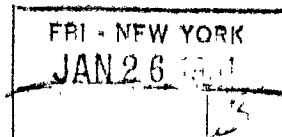
GORDON, according to the informant, runs a subway newsstand
on the West Side of the Eighth Avenue subway station at 163rd Street,
having attained this concession through an individual unknown to the
informant, which individual has sufficient influence so that he has
obtained several such concessions for Communist Party members.

[redacted] SA

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100-65011 { [redacted]

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

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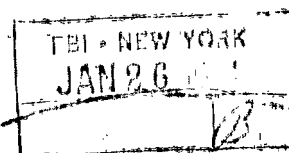
On January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised the writer that he has knowledge of the fact that the subject was the [REDACTED] for Camp Unity during the year 1948.

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

On January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised the writer that [REDACTED] is known to him to have been a [REDACTED] from the IWO to Communist Party conventions held in the early 1940's.

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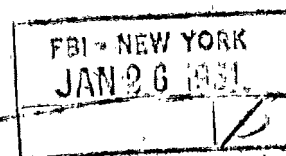
Otherwise, the informant has no information regarding him other than that he has been a long-time [REDACTED] of the IWO.

[REDACTED] SA

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100-2936 (IWO)

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New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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During contact on January 16, 1951, ND 588 advised the writer that the subject is known to him to have been a member of the Communist Party National Control Commission in 1940, and the informant knows that he was a member of that Commission for several years.

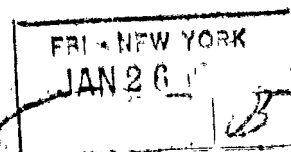
Informant could furnish no further information regarding the subject.

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66-3901-133

New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

On January 16, 1951, ND588 advised the writer that the subject is known to him to be a paid functionary of the IWO, and in his opinion must therefore be a member of the Communist Party.

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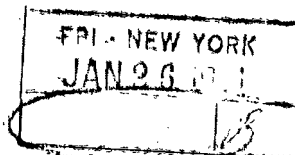
He knows that [REDACTED] is an amateur photographer, but otherwise possesses no information concerning him.

[REDACTED] SA

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100-82381



New York, New York
January 25, 1951

MEMO

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -C

In an interview with ND 588 on January 16, 1951, the following information regarding the subject was developed:

[REDACTED] was reported by the informant to be [REDACTED] on a state level between the IWO and the Communist Party, and in that capacity he attends meetings of the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party and is in frequent contact with [REDACTED] New York State [REDACTED] of the Communist Party, for the purpose of receiving Communist Party decisions with respect to IWO activities.

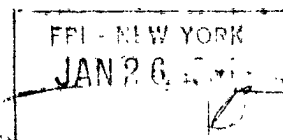
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[REDACTED] SA

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DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW YORK

January 23, 1951

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
FACTIONALISM
(Bureau file 100-3-88)

100-15117 Bureau
Confidential Informant ND-588 was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office on January 5, 1951, concerning the significance of the telegram containing greetings sent by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to the Communist Party, USA, on the occasion of its 15th Annual Convention December 28, 1950.

ND-588 stated that he construed this to be a blanket approval of the leadership, line, and activities of the CP, USA. In connection with the factionalist struggle, Informant pointed out that such clubs as the Paul Robeson Club (expelled); the Francis Franklin faction; the Lynn Dowling group, formerly known as the New Committee for Publications, as well as the factionalist group headed by SAMUEL ADAMS DARCY of Philadelphia, had operated on the basis that the present leadership of the CPUSA was not fully acceptable to the CPSU, and the Cominform; in the instance of the Paul Robeson Club in pursuing this belief, had issued publications addressed to the Cominform setting forth what it regarded as delinquencies on the part of the leadership, CPUSA.

ND-588 stated that it was his opinion that the telegram of greetings from the Soviet Union to the CPUSA was a blanket approval of the leadership of the CPUSA, and as such would remove the chief point of contention from the factionalist groups mentioned above.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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NEW YORK, NY

January 22, 1951

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Director, FBI.

RE: JOHN LAUTNER,
ND 588.

Dear Sir:

Rebutel October 11, 1950, authorizing this office to pay informant \$50.00 per week during current lengthy interviews.

ND 588 within the past month has been interviewed in the New York Office at the rate of about two full days a week. During these interviews the informant has furnished valuable information relative to the different phases of Communist Party activity. The information which the informant furnished the interviewing agents will be set forth in the appropriate case files.

It should be noted that the informant was recently interviewed by Special Assistants to the Attorney General William Paisley and Irving Shapiro relative to the informant's prospective testimony before the Subversive Activity Control Board in the case involving the Communist Party. It is anticipated that ND 588 will testify in the Government's behalf according to the comments made at the end of the interview by Paisley and Shapiro. ND 588 is also endeavoring to obtain a position but to date has met with negative results. In the future, it is expected that the informant will be interviewed at the rate of about one day a week or possibly less on Communist Party activity.

The Bureau is requested to authorize this office to compensate the informant at the rate of \$20.00 per interview which interview generally lasts at least seven to eight hours and is generally conducted in the New York Office. Bureau is requested to make this change of pay to \$20.00 per interview instead of \$50.00 a week, effective February 1, 1951, for a six months period.

Very truly yours,

WTH
EDWARD SCHMIDT,
SAC.

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New York, New York

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January 16, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNDI 588

During the period 1/7 thru 1/20/51 the above informant was contacted 6 times. The informant appeared at this office on two occasions at which time he furnished oral information on Communist Party activity to the interviewing agents.

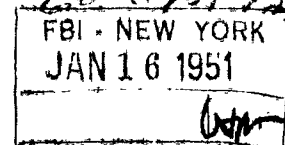
On 1/9/51 the informant was interviewed at length as a prospective Government witness in the case, Internal Security Act of 1950 by Special Assistants Attorney General PAISLEY and SHAPIRO. Informant furnished these attorneys with details on his past Communist background.

Informant is to appear at the N.Y. Office on 1/17/51 for interviews by agents relative to a specific phase of C.P. activity.

The writer believes that this informant should be paid \$50.00 for this period of 1/7-20/51.

E. W. BUCKLEY
SA

EWB:LJR
66-3901



New York, N. Y.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

January 16, 1951

Director, FBI.

RE: INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION,
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.
(Bufile 61-7341)

Dear Sir:

ReNYlet 1/6/51 detailing the developments to that date with respect to cooperation of this office with the New York State Insurance Commission in connection with current court proceedings by that commission leading towards the liquidation of the IWO.

In connection with possible witnesses who might be called to the attention of the New York State Insurance Commission, it is desired to call the Bureau's attention to ND 588. Information furnished by ND 588 with respect to the IWO appears on pages 78 and 79 of the report prepared in this case here on December 18, 1950 by Special Agent [redacted]. In that report ND 588 is referred to as T-21. Essentially ND 588 can testify that in the early forties while employed by the Communist Party he and two other minor Communist Party functionaries were designated to go into the IWO as functionaries in individual nationality societies in order to strengthen the IWO. Their transfer was directed by the Nationality Groups Commission and ND 588 can testify that control of the IWO is vested in that group and that SAM MILGROM, Executive Secretary of the IWO, was selected by the Nationality Groups Commission for his position and by reason of that position holds membership in the Nationality Groups Commission. ND 588 can also state that in order to be a paid functionary of the IWO it is almost without exception necessary for a person to be a Communist Party member.

ND 588 undoubtedly would be an extremely valuable witness to the New York State Insurance Commission but this office does not feel that his identity should be disclosed or that he should be allowed to testify publicly at this time because of the fact that he is the key witness in numerous

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Internal Security Act of 1950 cases which are presently being prepared by this office and in which prosecution is expected to materialize.

The Bureau's opinion with regard to making ND-588's identity available to the New York State Insurance Commission is requested.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC.

Director, FBI

January 12, 1951

SAC, New York

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
IS-C

Rebulet 12/19/50.

On 1/5/51, ND 558 was interviewed and he advised that the CP in Washington, D.C. or elsewhere either on the national, state, district, county or section levels has arranged to have substitute leadership to the underground which is known as a reserve leadership in the event the present leadership is knocked out of action as a result of government arrest. The informant stated that since the CP trial, which resulted in the conviction of the National Board of the CP, there has been a reserve leadership on a national level. The informant stated that the party had the leadership on the state, district, county and section level prepare substitute leadership to take over control of the various levels of the CP in the event of arrest by government, state or local authorities.

In regard to the setting up of an intelligence unit by the CP in the event of all-out mobilization, the informant stated that there could be an organized effort by the party to coordinate all intelligence information in a district or county area. The informant stated that he had no factual information as to whether any such plan to establish an intelligence unit was planned by the CP. The informant stated that in the event of an all-out effort, each and every comrade would be expected to give his or her best to the support or further the effort to the CP, whether the persons be white collar or industrial workers.

The informant stated that the CP has taught that every comrade will be expected to contribute to the support of the international working class movement and that in the event of a war, the Communists, even though they may not be told by their leadership to do so, will be expected based on his past schooling and experience in the movement, to keep his eyes and ears open and gather as much information as possible which may be turned over to a coordinator in a particular area for the information of the CP.

The informant stated that the party will work through the Labor Youth League in influencing the youth of the nation to support the CP program calling for peace, for outlawing the atom bomb, and defeat of any immoral military training law. The informant stated that the IYL will try

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Washington Field
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to recruit college students and others into the LYL and in the event any of these young people receive positions of importance in the government or defense, their position will be known to the LYL who will make this information known to the CP. The informant states that the possibility exists that young people receiving positions of importance may or may not be approached by some courier of the CP to furnish this courier or coordinator with any information of value which may come to his or her attention as a result of holding an important position.

ND 559 will be contacted for an opinion on reference Bureau letter in the near future and the Bureau will be advised of the results of this interview.

New York 7, New York

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January 12, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE FBI
(Bureau file 100-97391)

Dear Sir:

ReBulet 11/30/50 enclosing two photographs, one of [redacted] and the other of [redacted], former employees of the Bureau. These photographs were to be exhibited to ND 588 for identification purposes.

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On 1/5/51, ND 588 was shown the photograph of the two above-mentioned persons. The informant failed to identify either one of the photographs as the person referred to in ourlet to the Bureau dated 9/28/50. The informant stated that neither picture even resembled the person he has reported on. The informant stated that the fellow who was reported on worked for the FBI, he believes in the Fingerprint Division, in 1935 or 1936. It was at this time the informant met this young fellow, who was then about twenty-six years of age, when he visited the Communist Party Section Headquarters located in the vicinity of 81st Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, on two weekends.

The informant stated he believes that this fellow was single and was a Communist Party member. This young man requested CP literature from the informant so he could read this literature while in Washington, D.C. The informant stated that he recalls on one of the two weekends that he visited the Section Office, this young fellow gave a rather interesting talk on fingerprints to the informant. The informant got the impression that this fellow knew fingerprints fairly well, and was of the opinion that he was assigned or had worked in the Fingerprint Division of the Bureau. The informant again described this individual as follows:

Color:
Age:

White
About 26 years of age (in 1935)

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Height:
Weight:
Complexion:
Peculiarities:

5'8"

155 pounds

Fair

Big forehead which dominated the whole face; forehead bulged out noticeably over his eye sockets, making his eyes deep set.

Round face, but due to large forehead, face appeared to be small.

May be Jewish.

Believed to be single.

Nationality:
Marital Status:

The informant believes that this young fellow had legal training and has a recollection that this fellow made the remark that he either attended or graduated from either Columbia University or the City College of New York in New York.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
Special Agent in Charge

Director, FBI

January 12, 1951

SAC, New York

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947

Rebulet 12/26/50, requesting that ND 558 be interviewed as to the identity or name of the members of the CP who sent letters of resignation to the NY State CP because of their trade union position. The Bureau desired to know for transmittal to the Department whether this informant was available to testify.

On 1/5/51, ND 558 was interviewed and he advised that he was told by comrade [redacted] member of the NY State Committee CP and last reported as [redacted] of the NY State CP, which conversation took place around the Spring of 1949, that the CP expects to receive some resignations from the CP by party members who are labor leaders. [redacted] advised the informant that these leaders would probably send into the CP registered letters, which letters were to be kept on file, and that [redacted] New York State functionary, would keep the files on these "so-called resignations".

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[redacted] told the informant that some trade union officials who have been members of the party and who resigned from the party as a result of sending in a registered letter would keep the receipt of the registered letter. These letters of resignation would be kept on the 9th Floor if they were from a National union representative and if they were from a State union leader who was a member of the party they would be filed on the 5th Floor of the State CP office. The informant stated that [redacted] indicated to him that the people who may resign from the party were CP members at large.

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The informant stated that in his opinion the statement of resignation would tend to show legal admissible evidence of resignation from the CP which would make their oath taken under the Taft Hartley Act denying membership in the Communist Party legitimate. The informant stated that he got this impression as to the reasons for the resignation from conversations had with [redacted]. Both stated to the informant that naturally if the union leaders who are members of the party resign from the Communist Party and have the receipt showing the registered letter sent to the Communist Party, which letter would be on file at CP Headquarters, then they could deny membership in the CP at the time they take the Taft-Hartley oath.

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The informant stated that in the middle of 1949, he saw several letters of resignation, but can only recall the identity of one individual by the name of ISIDORE COHEN, who was the Business Agent for the Jewelers Local, New York City, AFL.

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(ISIDORE COHEN, Business Agent,
Jewelers Local, NY, AFL)

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The informant stated that even though he saw letters of resignation, he was not informed as to the identity of the writers of these letters of resignation and he stated that at the time he was unable to make any inquiries as to such identities. The informant stated that in so far as the CP was concerned, the registered letter on file at CP Headquarters was the important thing and the receipt of the registered letter held by the trade union official was the important thing to the particular union person. The informant stated that the contents of what appeared on these letters of resignation were unimportant in the eyes of the party and that they could either be blank sheets of paper just bearing the signature of the trade union official, or they could be letters of resignation, the exact words of which were unknown to the informant.

The informant stated that he is available to testify for the Bureau in any case which the government sees fit to prosecute. The informant stated that perhaps if names of suspected resignees from the CP by some trade union officials were reviewed with him such names may refresh his memory of the identity of the persons who resigned.

The informant stated that such resignations from the CP by trade union leaders had to be conducted as a result of a mutual understanding between the trade union leaders and CP leadership. The informant stated that actually the sympathies of any resigned labor leader from the CP would continue to be pro-Communist and follow the CP line even though they would deny under oath being party members. The informant stated that the letters of resignation by labor leaders from the CP was a change of party policy from that of non-compliance with the Taft-Hartley Law to that of compliance to the law by the authorization of the above procedure.

The informant stated that this policy of compliance by resigning from the CP applied to those trade union leaders who at one time or another were publicly identified as members of the CP. The informant stated that this procedure also applied to those trade unions whose CP membership could be proved in case of legal action and this compliance with the law (by resigning from the CP by registered letter) was to cover or protect the labor leaders when signing their applications denying membership in the CP.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's info.

Director, FBI

January 11, 1951

SAC, New York

MANVILLE ROGERS, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-354431)

Re report of SA THORNTON M. WOOD, 2/15/50, at New York.

On November 11, 1950, Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed by agents of the New York Office and furnished information concerning the above captioned individual as follows:

ND 588 advised that he was formerly organizer for the Chelsea Section, Communist Party, at which time ROGERS was treasurer or financial secretary. Informant stated that ROGERS was an old time comrade who had served in possibly other official capacities than that of treasurer or financial secretary of the Chelsea Section. He advised further that subject concealed the fact that he was a Communist Party member successfully from his family inasmuch as he was a salesman of sundry articles and notions and when the time came for him to attend a Party session he would tell his family that he was going to remain overnight in an area outside of New York City because of his occupation. Informant advised that subject died in the latter part of 1947 because of an unknown reason, and that he thought subject originally was from Brooklyn.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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Director, FBI

January 11, 1951

SAC, New York

"IN FACT"
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 11, 1950, Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed by agents of the New York Office and during the course of this interview furnished certain information concerning the above publication:

He stated that the publication, "IN FACT" which is edited by GEORGE SELDES, is owned by Mrs. WILLIAM BROWDER, sister-in-law of EARL BROWDER, former National Chairman, CP, USA. He stated that in the Fall of 1949, a whispering campaign was started by the Communist Party to the effect that Mrs. BROWDER was behind this publication and consequently all of the Communist Party members and sympathizers who were subscribers to "IN FACT" withdrew their subscriptions.

It is noted that the publication "COUNTERATTACK" issue of October 6, 1950, stated that this publication went out of business with its issue of October 2, 1950, due to the fact that 103,000 subscriptions had been cancelled. The informant stated that he felt the withdrawal of the support by the Communist Party had caused this publication to go out of business. It is also noted that the informant stated that SELDES had been suspected within the Communist Party, USA, of having been a Browderite.

The above is furnished for information.

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Director, FBI

January 11, 1951

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NEW YORK TENANT, WELFARE &
CONSUMER COUNCIL, aka.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau file 100-344442)

Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed by agents of the New York Office on November 11, 1950, and January 5, 1951, concerning the above captioned organization. The informant advised that the New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council, formerly known to the informant as the New York Tenant Council, was a front organization for the Communist Party in New York City. The informant advised that he recalled correctly during the Spring of 1949 that at a New York State Communist Party organization committee meeting, reports were given concerning the activities of this organization, at which time it was mentioned that the bulk of the work was being carried on in the Borough of Bronx, New York.

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From a description furnished by the informant of the persons giving the reports it was estimated that they were [redacted] of the Bronx Council on Rent and Housing, aka., New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council. It was further stated by the informant that one [redacted] then Bronx County [redacted] Bronx County Communist Party, also made a report concerning the work of the tenant's organization in the Bronx and made a recommendation concerning purported allocations of the Communist Party's strength within that county in order to aid tenants' work.

ND 588 stated that the report given by [redacted] mentioned the fact that there was approximately 60,000 persons organized by the Tenant Council in New York City at that time and that the meeting was devoted to determining whether it was feasible to expand tenant work at that time. ND 588 also advised that at various times problems confronting the then New York Tenants Council were directed by the New York State Communist Party Organizational Commission and solutions relating to those problems were furnished the organization. The informant further stated that the City-Wide Committee To End Discrimination which occupied the same quarters as the New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council, at 415 Astor Place, New York City, was an instrumentality of the Communist Party in that it was organized by the Communist Party to deal with a temporary specific problem, i.e., the fact that no Negroes were accepted as residents of the Stuyvesant Town Housing Project in New York City. The informant advised that both organizations were [redacted] whom informant stated was without a doubt a member of the Communist Party even though he had never seen [redacted] at Communist Party meetings.

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cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100-94086

TMM:EEK
100-84249

66-3901-1021

Director, FBI

January 11, 1951

SAC, New York

BELLA V. DODD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed by agents of the New York Office on October 11, 1950, and during the course of the interview furnished the following information concerning the subject:

He advised that DODD formerly a functionary of the Communist Party in New York City was expelled from the Communist Party because she had acted as an attorney for a landlord in the upper West Side area of New York City in dealing with the eviction of a number of Puerto Rican tenants from the L.L. Apartments. ND 588 advised that the background of this move was that the apartment owner had purchased several buildings and was operating them on a "shoe string" and that DODD was a neighbor of the landlord as well as being a personal friend. He further stated that DODD, who is an attorney in her own right, had handled the eviction proceedings as a personal friend of the landlord but that due to counter-charges brought by the tenants' attorney, whose name the informant could not recall, DODD was eventually expelled from the Communist Party.

In describing DODD, ND 588 stated that she had entered the Communist Party in the early 1930's under the leadership of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, and that although she had asserted considerable influence with the rank and file of the Party she had never been too popular with the leadership. Informant went on to state that DODD had remained an influential person within the Communist Party for many years because of her influence with the Teachers' Union of New York City and because of her influence with the rank and file.

He described DODD as being a very warm person, highly intelligent and one who possesses a very attractive personality. He also stated that since the expulsion from the Communist Party, USA, she has practised law from an office in the vicinity of West 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas. In spite of a handicap that DODD has a wooden leg, informant states that he considers her to be a successful attorney.

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)

TMM:EEK
100-25839

66-3901-129



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York 7, New York

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MEMO:

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FILES

77-10-588

Re SAC Letter No. 84, Series 1950, dated
11-21-50.

This case is to be reopened and carried as
a pending active case rather than a dead file.

CHIEF CLERK:

REOPEN CASE

ASSIGN:

1-10-51 gwy
Wm #7
B. L. Kreighbaum
E. W. Bushley

FBI - NEW YORK
JAN 10 1951

66-3901-119

New York 7, New York

January 6, 1951

MEMORANDUM:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNID 588

The above informant was contacted two times during the week of 1/1-6-51. The Informant appeared at this office on 1/5/51 and furnished valuable information concerning CP USA - FUNDS: Tenants League and gave his opinion (based on CP experience) on the cablegram sent by CP SU to the 15th National Convention of the CP USA. The Bureau was advised of this by teletype on January 5, 1951. The informant also recognized photographs of various Communists for the Agents.

Informant has expressed his desire to testify for the Government in cases violating the Internal Security Act of 1950 and will be available for interview by Asst. U.S. Attorney Generals this next week.

In view of this the writer believes the sum of \$50.00 is justified for week of 1/1-6/50.

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EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SPECIAL AGENT

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NEW YORK, NY
JAN. 5, 1951.

BUREAU (URGENT)

DAYLET
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; ISC. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT NO FIVE EIGHT EIGHT
INTERVIEWED NYO TODAY AND DISCUSSED THE RECENT ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN
THE DAILY WORKER FOR DEC. TWENTYNINE, FIFTY, PAGE TWO, SETTING FORTH THE
CABLEGRAM RECEIVED BY THE CP, USA AT THEIR FIFTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU. INFORMANT STATED THAT THIS IS
THE FIRST TIME THAT THE CPUSA HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE CPSU IN RECEIVING
A FORMAL GREETING AT THEIR NATIONAL CONVENTION. INFORMANT STATED THAT IN
HIS OPINION THIS CABLEGRAM OF GREETINGS PRIOR TO ITS READING TO THE
DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION WAS DEBATED NO DOUBT BY THE PARTY LEADERSHIP
AS TO WHETHER SUCH A TELEGRAM SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC OR BE KEPT SECRET BUT
PROBABLY THE LEADERSHIP DECIDED THAT THE BEST ADVANTAGE COULD BE SERVED TO THE
PARTY LINE BY MAKING THE TELEGRAM PUBLIC TO SERVE AS A "PEP CALL" TO THE
RANK AND FILE LEADERSHIP IN THE ALL OUT STRUGGLE. THE INFORMANT ADVISED
THAT SINCE THE CPSU HAS GIVEN THE STAMP OF APPROVAL TO THE PRESENT
LEADERSHIP OF THE CPUSA HE BELIEVED THAT IN RETURN THE CPUSA EXPECTS THE
FULL SUPPORT OF THE CPSU IN THESE TRYING TIMES AND LIKEWISE THROUGH THIS
TELEGRAM INFORMANT BELIEVES THE CPSU EXPECTS THE FULLEST SUPPORT AND COOPERA-
TION FROM THE CPUSA IN FOLLOWING OUT AND SUPPORTING THE POLICIES OF THE
SOVIET UNION. INFORMANT STATES THAT NO DOUBT THE PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY
WILL TRY TO DEFEAT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THIS COUNTRY BY CALLING FOR
AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS IN ASIA AND DEMANDING A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT WITH RED CHINA. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THE CPUSA

CC: 66-3901
100- (CPSU)

ENB:DJG
100-4931

66-3901-117

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REGARDS THIS TELEGRAM AS ALSO A CALL TO BE ON GUARD IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD FOR THE TOTAL VICTORY OF SOCIALISM. INFORMANT STATED THAT THIS CABLEGRAM OF GREETINGS IS VERY SIGNIFICANT AND CAN HAVE A GREAT EFFECT UPON THE FUTURE OF THE CPUSA SINCE THE RANK AND FILE MEMBERSHIP MAY BECOME MORE INSPIRED TO ENGAGE IN ALL OUT PARTY ACTIVITY SINCE IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THRU THIS CABLEGRAM THAT THE CPSU IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE CPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FOR BUREAU INFO.

SCHEIDT

New York, New York
December 26, 1950

MEMO

RE: CNDI 588

During the period between December 11 through December 27, 1950 this informant was contacted six times for information on Communist Party activities.

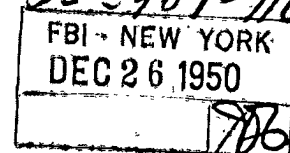
The informant furnished detailed information on such topics as CP, USA - Political Activities; CPUSA Security and Underground Measures as well as leading persons in CP. For example informant recognized photo of [redacted] as a Communist Party leader known in Party as [redacted]

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In view of assistance rendered by informant the writer believes he should be paid \$50.00 to cover this period, since the time of interviews were limited and not regular like they had been before.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY, SA

EWB:APK
66-3901



New York, New York
December 8, 1950

MEMO:

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND 588

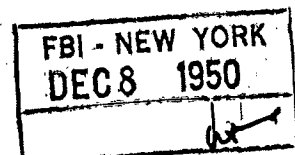
Rebutel 10/11/50 authorizing the payment of \$50.00 per week to
CI ND 588.

During the period 12/1/50 to 12/8/50 the informant was interviewed
for extended periods of time and submitted detailed information concerning
the Communist Party - USA, its fronts and its members.

In view of the above, it is believed that the payment of \$50.
should be made to CI ND 588 as authorized in referenced teletype.

BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM, SA

BLK:LEW
66-3901



MEMO

Re: CP USA
ISC

Mr. Belmont advised the Department has requested his identity and, prior to furnishing this information, the Bureau desired to be advised that he is a willing witness and is available. He said we should determine when he will be available to go to Washington to be interviewed by the Department and what arrangements will be necessary for him to go down there. He asked that he be called back on this on Monday, 12/4/50.

RRG:MFB

WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT,
Supervisor - Sec. #7.

FBI - NEW YORK
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B. L. Kreighbaum

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-336532)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he had often heard the name of [REDACTED] mentioned as a Kings County Communist Party official but does not know the exact position occupied by this person.

CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-66799

66-3901-113

New York, N. Y.
November 22, 1950.

MEMO

RE: JOHN LAUTNER,
CNDI 588

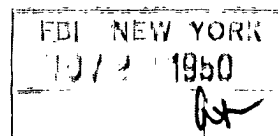
Rebutel 10/11/50 authorizing the payment of \$50 a week to
ND 588.

During the period 11/2/50 to 11/21/50 the informant submitted
considerable detailed information concerning the Communist Party, USA,
its fronts and its members.

In view of the above, it is believed that the payment of \$50
should be made to ND 588 as authorized in referenced teletype.

BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM,
SA.

BLK:DJG
66-3901



66-3901-112

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-111597)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant advised that he was personally acquainted with the subject and last knew him to be a leader in the waterfront group of the Kings County Communist Party.

CC: NY 66-3901 -

JEK:ARV
100-25584

66-3901-11

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

HY WALLACH
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted], regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that approximately three years ago he first became acquainted with HY WALLACH in connection with the latter's anti-Party activities. At that time, according to ND-588, WALLACH was a rising Communist in Brooklyn, but had peculiar ideas that the Party should concentrate on quality members. On the other hand, the Party leadership felt that the Party should concentrate on quantity and from that quantity achieve the quality desired. As a result of these Anti-Party statements the Informant believed that WALLACH would be squashed in any future Party leadership in Brooklyn.

CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-79937

66-3901-104

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

JACOB "POP" MINDEL
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-52439)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted], regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he was acquainted with the subject as a long time Communist although the latter occupied no official position in the Kings County Communist Party at the present time.

The Informant added that MINDEL sponsored [redacted] in the latter's rapid rise in the Kings County Communist Party organization.

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CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-18056

66-3901-109

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-33092)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant stated that as of January, 1950 he knew [REDACTED] to occupy the position of [REDACTED] of the Kings County Communist Party, namely by virtue of the fact that the Brooklyn organization required a negro among its top officials.

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The Informant explained that several years ago the Kings County Communist Party was criticized for its lack of negro leadership and it was [REDACTED] who was picked to occupy the position of [REDACTED] to furnish negro representation on the Kings County Communist Party Committee.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-52959

66-3901-708

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-340854)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant furnished a letter in the handwriting of [REDACTED], requesting a re-consideration of his expulsion by the National Review Commission, Communist Party, USA.

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The Informant explained that [REDACTED] was expelled for white chauvinism in 1948.

CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-67883

66-3901-103

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-294235)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant advised that in mid-1948 disciplinary action was taken against [REDACTED] of the Brooklyn Communist Party as a result of accusations which the latter made against JACOB "POP" MINDEL at the Kings County Communist Party Convention in July, 1948.

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In the proceedings that followed [REDACTED] was found guilty and was denied the right to teach in Communist Party schools for the period of one year.

CC: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-54089

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Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-11239)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant stated that he knew [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CHARLES KRUMBEIN, the former Communist Party National Treasurer. The Informant believed [REDACTED] to be a person of Lithuanian origin who originally came from Chicago, Illinois.

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According to ND-588, [REDACTED] is a key person in the Kings County Communist Party as well as a member of the National Review Commission, enjoying the confidence of the top leaders of the Party.

ND-588 volunteered that [REDACTED] might well be acting as a confidential mail drop for the National Party leaders because of the fact that she was highly trusted by the top Party membership.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-7971

66-3901-101

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-96046)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

According to the Informant, [REDACTED] is a veteran of World War II, and in connection with his Communist activities represented a veteran's organization in a committee hearing in Washington, D. C. a few years ago.

The Informant was aware that the subject had [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] in a Wall Street office.

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As of January, 1950 the Informant knew [REDACTED] as the Kings County [REDACTED] of the Kings County Review Commission.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-23290

66-3901-104

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-142323)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant stated that he knew this individual only by name as the [REDACTED] for the Kings County Communist Party. The Informant added that according to hearsay, [REDACTED] was an up-and-coming member of the Party who had a favorable future ahead.

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cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-63755

66-3901-103

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-237419)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant advised that he was casually acquainted with the subject and last knew her as the Kings County Communist Party .

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The Informant added that she was originally from the Ohio area and considered a top woman comrade in the Brooklyn Communist organization.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-54304

66 3901-102

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

HY LEVY
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-109801)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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According to the Informant, a person whose name he believes to be HY LEVY and who occupies the position of Kings County Activities Director, in 1949 was removed from his position because of white chauvinism in connection with his refusal to allow his apartment in Stuyvesant Town to be occupied by negro Party members.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-13163

66-3901-101

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-169047)

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On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant advised that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and was presently working at the [REDACTED] or in some clerical capacity on the 9th floor of 35 East 12th Street.

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According to ND-588 this individual is a Brooklyn girl who formerly occupied the position of [REDACTED] at the Kings County Communist Party Headquarters at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

CC: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-40391

66-3901-100

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

DONALD LESTER
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-165944)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he first made the acquaintance of LESTER in the winter of 1948 in connection with the investigation of anti-Party activities in the Crown Heights Section of Brooklyn. At that time, according to the Informant, LESTER was the Crown Heights Section Organizer. Later the Informant learned that LESTER was a Party teacher at both the Jefferson School of Social Science and also in county and section schools.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-25880

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Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

CARL VEDRO
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-122720)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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This Informant advised that CARL VEDRO occupies the position of Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party.

The Informant originally met VEDRO while the latter was Organizational Secretary of the Williamsburg Section in 1933. At that time, according to the Informant, VEDRO was in the sound truck business. At the time that PETER V. CACCHIONE was first elected City Councilman from Brooklyn, VEDRO was his assistant and Campaign Manager.

It was approximately this same time, according to the Informant, that the Communist Party in New York City broke their organization into counties and CACCHIONE became the Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party.

Through the efforts of CACCHIONE, VEDRO was named as Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, and in November, 1947 when CACCHIONE died, VEDRO succeeded to the Chairmanship of the Kings County Communist Party.

According to the Informant, VEDRO attends State Board meetings and has been pulled out of the County Organization periodically to organize and run various movements such as the New York Bill of Rights Congress. In the past he has spent parts of the winter months in Florida.

The Informant considered VEDRO to be merely a title-head of the Party in Brooklyn and felt that he lacked the analytical mind to rise to any important state or national positions.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-13558

66-3901-21

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

FAY VEDRO
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-13939)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that FAY VEDRO was the wife of CARL VEDRO, the Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party. According to ND-588, FAY VEDRO was a quiet, capable Party official in Brooklyn.

The Informant stated that he first became acquainted with the subject when the latter held the position of Trade Union Director of the Queens County Communist Party.

It was the Informant's opinion that the subject continued in the same work in the Kings County Communist Party up to the time of the birth of her child when it was necessary for her to curtail her Communist Party activities.

The Informant recalled that FAY VEDRO recently made a trip to Palestine, the purpose of which was unknown to him.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
100-8340

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

DAVE AMARIGLIO, wa:
Dave Leeds
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-47092)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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According to the Informant the subject is a Greek Jew born in Salanika, Greece.

The Informant knew LEEDS as the Finance Secretary in District #2, Communist Party, USA. In 1948 the Informant worked with the subject and with BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS in setting up security measures in the Brooklyn Communist Party. At that time, according to ND-588's recollection, the subject was occupying the position of Kings County Communist Party Press Director.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-79967

66-3901-86

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-197601)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he originally became acquainted with the subject in 1945 when the latter substituted for CARL VEDRO, Chairman of the Kings County Communist Party in attending New York State Board meetings. Later in 1948 the Informant worked with the subject in connection with the security structure of the Kings County Communist Party.

ND-588 pointed out that whereas JOHN NOTO, [redacted], and ISIDORE BEGUN, heads of the respective areas of Buffalo, Queens, and Bronx, represented their organizations in connection with the security set-up, BEN (BROOKLYN) DAVIS represented the Kings County Communist Party rather than CARL VEDRO, the County Chairman. For this reason the Informant believed that the subject was a powerful figure in the Brooklyn Communist Party.

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cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

JEK:ARV
100-79967

66-3901-98

Director, FBI

November 22, 1950

SAC, New York

JAMES W. FORD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-14632)

On October 3, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-588, of known reliability, was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the officers, organization and activities of the Kings County Communist Party.

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The Informant advised that he considered FORD to be a tradition in the Communist Party and pointed out FORD'S having run for Vice President of the United States on the Communist Party ticket on several occasions.

It was the Informants belief that FORD was given the position of Chairman of the Bedford Stuyvesant Section of the Kings County Communist Party merely as an easy job in which he would have sufficient time to devote to his writings.

The Informant felt that all major decisions in the Kings County Communist Party would require the consultation of JAMES FORD and believed that FORD at the present time might even attend national plenums in view of his former importance in the Party.

Since 1945, according to the Informant, FORD has been a member of the National Review Commission, Communist Party, USA.

cc: NY 66-3901

JEK:ARV
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NEW YORK, NY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

November 18, 1950.

Director, FBI.

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Dear Sir:

Rebulet dated 11/14/50, instructing the New York Office to ascertain from Confidential Informant ND 588 if the unidentified individual described in New York letter to Bureau dated 9/28/50, page 20, was identical with either [] or [].

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On 11/17/50, ND 588 advised that he could only identify the above-mentioned individual by a photograph. The informant stated that he is not certain that he ever knew the name of the unidentified individual who was employed by the Bureau in 1935.

It is requested that the Bureau forward to the New York Office any available photographs of both [] so that the photographs may be shown to ND 588 for possible identification.

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Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC.

CC: 66-3901

BLK:DJG
100-80877

66-3901-937

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was the Lower West Side [REDACTED] of New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901 ✓

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66-3901-12

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York Personal Attention

DATE: November 9, 1950

FROM : Director, FBI

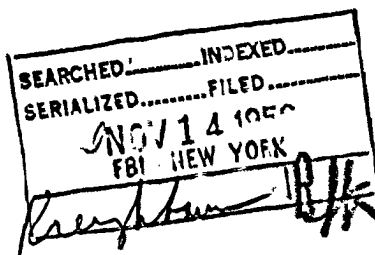
SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER
ND-588

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. WHELAN
MR. STEIN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GIBBS
MR. GRANT
MR. LEVY
MR. MARSHALL
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MR. E. N.
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MR. SULLIVAN
MR. WALSH
MR. WOHL
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

Reurlet October 31, 1950, setting forth the present status of Lautner as to employment. It is noted Lautner has stated even if he is able to secure regular employment, it is his desire to continue to be available to the Bureau for interviews and to assist the Bureau in any way possible.

According to referenced letter, Lautner has agreed to testify in a court of law to any information he has furnished and he has indicated a sincere desire to help the Bureau.

At the present time you are paying him \$50.00 per week for the information he is providing on Communist matters. In view of his long association in Communist affairs which is a deterrent in his efforts to secure employment, it will be difficult for the Bureau to aid Lautner in his efforts to obtain employment. If Lautner were in the position of [redacted], Herbert Philbrick, et al, the Bureau would suggest an all-out effort to obtain a job for Lautner. You should consider some manner of interim payment to Lautner during his present period of unemployment which may be able to ease his financial situation. The payments made to him in this regard would be for information of value and certainly would be appreciated by him. The amount of such payments should be based upon your knowledge of Lautner's position and value to the Bureau and your recommendation in this regard should be transmitted to the Bureau.



66-3901-91

Director, FBI

November 8, 1950

SAC, New York

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NEW YORK
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND-588

Re my letter dated October 13, 1950, instant matter.

Page 3, under the sub-heading JOHN WILLIAMSON, line 11, the last sentence should be corrected to read as follows:

In this connection during this period, PETERS' wife was constantly with him which was an indication to the informant that WILLIAMSON was much concerned regarding PETERS' status.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "L. M. Jones" or similar, written in a cursive style.

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Director, FBI

November 7, 1950

SAC, New York

[redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-337815)

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On October 17, 1950 Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed at the New York Office by SAs FRANK J. NOELAN and ELDRED W. COX. He furnished the following information concerning the above captioned individual:

Sometime during the period 1947, 1948 and 1949, [redacted] was a functionary at the Waterfront Section at Eighth Avenue and West 25th Street, New York City. He was probably the [redacted] but ND 588 was not certain of his specific title.

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CC: 66-3901 ✓

EWG:EMR
100-65090

Director, FBI

November 7, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED] wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-69890)

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On October 17, 1950 Confidential Informant ND 588 was interviewed at the New York Office by SAs FRANK J. NOWLAN and ELDRED W. COX. He furnished the following information concerning the above captioned individual:

[REDACTED] in approximately 1947, 1948 and 1949 was subsidized by the New York County Communist Party. He worked in the Waterfront Section headquarters on West 25th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, and concentrated on Puerto Rican matters.

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CC: 66-3901 ✓

EWG:EMR
100-73336

66-3901-8

New York, New York

November 4, 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: [redacted] was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau File 100-335123)

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Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950 ND-588 was interviewed by SAS Frank J. Howlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. ND-588 furnished the following information concerning the captioned individual.

The informant recalled that for a short period during the time 1947-48-49 [redacted] was a functionary of the Waterfront Section, probably [redacted].

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The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

EWG:LRW
100-66433

66-3901-86

New York, New York

November 4, 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: [redacted] wa.
SECURITY MATTER-C
(Bureau File 100-193577)

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Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950 ND-588 was interviewed by SAS Frank J. Nowlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. ND-588 furnished the following information concerning the captioned individual.

The informant recalled that sometime during 1947-48-49 [redacted] was a Waterfront Section functionary at New York City. The informant believed that [redacted] was either [redacted] of the section.

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Informant stated that he understood that sometime in 1949 [redacted] had gotten a job as [redacted] in New York City.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓

DWC:MRW
100-43341

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SENT TO BU., 2/23/65, per
SA R. OPTEDAL, #42, per
BU INSTRUCTIONS

Employee

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

New York, New York

November 3, 1950

CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
AMERICAN RADIO ASSOCIATION-CIO
INTERNAL SECURITY -C
(Bureau file 100-54472)

Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950 ND-588 was interviewed by SAs Frank J. Nowlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. ND-588 furnished the following information concerning the captioned organization.

The informant did not know the identity of any member of the American Radio Association who is also a member of the Communist Party. If there are any members of the Communist Party in the American Radio Association they would be used in any underground organization which the Communist Party might set up because of their knowledge of communications.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓
65-15144 (Clandestine Radio Communications, Potential Operators)

EWC:MRW
100-19198

66-3901-23

New York, New York

November 3, 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMAN'S
ASSOCIATION -AFI
INTERNAL SECURITY -C
(Bureau File 100-11597)

Dear Sir:

On October 17, 1950, ED-588 was interviewed by SAs Frank J. Newlan and Eldred W. Cox at the New York Office. ED-588 furnished the following information concerning the captioned organization.

Sometime during the years 1947-48-49 [] had an office in the New York State Communist Party Headquarters. [] was the [] of the Longshore-Teamster concentration by the Communist Party.

[] was [] for the Kings County Communist Party who came in and frequently consulted with []

ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, National Maritime Coordinator for the Communist Party exercised some authority over [].

[] was apparently involved in Longshore concentration because on one occasion a pamphlet was put out concerning the Longshore industry and BERENSON was involved in the preparation and distribution of the pamphlet and had the responsibility of seeing that the printing was paid for.

cc: NY 66-3901 ✓
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100-37342

KWC:MRW
100-80060

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NY 100-80080

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[redacted] apparently had nothing to do with Longshore concentration
in New York County which was [redacted]

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The foregoing is submitted for information.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHULTZ
SAC

New York, New York
November 2, 1950

MEMO

RE: JOHN LAUTNER
CNDI 588

Rebutel dated 10/11/50 authorizing the payment of \$50 per week to ND 588.

During the period October 21, 1950 to October 28, 1950 the informant continued to submit considerable detailed information concerning the Communist Party, USA its fronts and its members.

In view of the above, it is believed that the payment of \$50 should be made to ND 588 as authorized in referenced teletype.

BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM, SA

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66-3901

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66-3901-81

New York 7, New York

October 31, 1950
CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: AVAROM LANDY, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau File 100-24914)

New York Confidential Informant ND 588 advised that AVAROM LANDY was EARL BROWDER's confidential secretary from about 1935 to 1945. During this period, LANDY wrote BROWDER's speeches, did research work, and was very close to BROWDER.

The informant stated that it has always been his opinion that from 1935 to 1945, EARL BROWDER, his wife IRENE, and AVAROM LANDY actually ran the CPUSA. Because of this close association with BROWDER, LANDY was eased out of any position of authority in the Party after BROWDER's dismissal in 1945, according to the informant.

LANDY indicated to the informant on several occasions that he was aware of the fact that he, LANDY, was no longer trusted by the Party, and that the Party did not intend to give him any more assignments of importance. LANDY expressed great bitterness over this turn of events.

The informant continued that LANDY has [redacted] in New York City, and that it was reported to the Communist Party Headquarters in New York City that [redacted] on several occasions had made statements critical of the Party leaders.

Informant stated that LANDY is paid \$60 or \$70 per week by the International Publishers, Inc., New York City, but that he does not actually work for this concern. The extent of LANDY's contact with the International Publishers, Inc. amounts to collecting his salary.

ND 588 stated that he is of the opinion that AVAROM LANDY

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would be in a position to furnish the Bureau with a great deal of valuable information, and would cooperate with the Bureau if contacted discreetly. It is to be noted that LANDY was considered a key figure in the New York Office and was dropped from the Key Figure List, and the Bureau was so advised by letter dated March 30, 1950.

A review of LANDY's case file, which at present is being maintained in a closed status, reflects that AVAROM LANDY in 1942 was Financial Secretary and National Education Director of the CPUSA, and that beginning in 1943, he became active in the National Groups Commission of the CPUSA, keeping in close contact and directing the activities of Communist Party foreign language groups. Further, LANDY's file reflects that in August, 1945, LANDY indicated his dissatisfaction with his work as Director of the National Groups Commission and expressed his desire to go back to "my field of scholarship."

He subsequently was relieved of his Party position because of his employment with International Publishers, Inc. in New York City. LANDY is the author of the book, "Marxism and the Democratic Tradition," and wrote numerous articles for "The Communist" and the "Daily Worker."

In 1948, he was reported trying to resign from the Party remarking "that in the old days of the Party, he had not advanced so rapidly because he did not go in for all the loose moving" practiced by the Party.

In April, 1948, [redacted] Bath Beach Section of the Communist Party, Brooklyn, New York, complained to the Kings County Communist Party regarding LANDY who had not attended meetings for a year and paid no dues for that period.

Recently information furnished by MD 516 reflects that LANDY is still employed by the International Publishers, Inc., and that his main activities were concerned with writing a book, the manuscript of which has been submitted to the Communist Party Headquarters for their examination. Inquiries made with Confidential Informants of this office have failed to reflect any other Party activities on LANDY's part.

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A Security Index card is at present being maintained on AVAROM LANDY by the New York Office.

Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated June 12, 1947, entitled "Confidential Informants, CPUSA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C," under the heading AVAROM LANDY, was: Al Landy, in which it was indicated that no further concentration would be given by this office to develop LANDY as an informant at that time because LANDY had been removed from a policy-making level.

The Bureau was further advised that this office would remain alert for any positive indication of a break between LANDY and the Communist Party.

In view of the accurate information furnished by ND 588 in the past, the Bureau is requested to consider the possibility of authorizing the New York Office to contact LANDY at this time. The informant stated that LANDY could be contacted either by a third person representing the Bureau or by a direct approach made by two Bureau agents. ND 588 suggested that the third party should be a businessman or a professional person who is acquainted with LANDY.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHMIDT, SAC

New York 7, New York

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

October 31, 1950

Director, FBI

Re: JOHN LAUTNER

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT 588

Dear Sir:

ND 588 stated that [redacted]
[redacted] New York City, is to be married during the week of [redacted],
1950. As a result of this marriage, the informant will take up temporary
residence in a hotel.

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The informant continued that on January 15, 1950 he visited
[redacted] in Boardman, Ohio and at that time [redacted]
sensed that the informant was having difficulties with the Communist
Party, USA. [redacted] told the informant that he could possibly secure
employment for him in the steel mills of Youngstown, Ohio, if the informant
should ever need a job. [redacted] was interested in getting ND 588 into
union work if the informant ever left the Party. According to the
informant, [redacted] has no interest in the Communist Party, USA.

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In regard to [redacted] offer the informant stated that he has
no desire to enter into any type of union activity and added that he
was employed by the steel mills in the early twenties and has no urge
to return to this type of work.

The informant continued that he is anxious to get started on
the next phase of his life and that at present he can see no future for
himself. ND 588 stated that he desires to remain in New York City, if
at all possible.

The informant advised that he explained to the New York Employ-
ment Bureau that due to his 20 years employment by the Communist Party,
USA and his subsequent expulsion from the Party, he is entirely without
references except for an honorable discharge from the United States Army.

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The informant added that the New York State Employment Bureau representatives are sympathetic to his present difficulties.

The informant stated that he did not make his original contact with the Bureau with the thought in mind of securing future employment through aid from the Bureau. The informant advised, however, that he would appreciate anything the Bureau could do to overcome his lack of references, stating that once he got a start he would be able to stand on his own merit.

The informant continued that he is going to place applications with the Voice of America and with the United Nations at Lake Success, New York, if at all possible.

He stated that he is well qualified for employment with the Voice of America because of his knowledge of the Hungarian language and his political background. Also the informant did propaganda work and radio script writing with the Physical Warfare Section of the Army Intelligence during World War II in Bari, Italy.

The informant stated that perhaps he would be valuable as a civilian employee with the Army Intelligence.

In regard to these contemplated employments, the informant stated that he is aware of the fact that he is not, under any circumstances, to reveal his present connection with the Bureau.

The informant was emphatic in stating that when he is able to secure employment, it is his intention to continue to be available to the Bureau for interviews and to assist the Bureau in any way possible.

It is to be noted that during the long series of interviews conducted by agents of this Office, the informant has been very cooperative and has appeared to be sincere in his desire to assist the Bureau. The informant readily agreed to testify in a court of law to any information furnished by him in Bureau cases.

It may be further noted that although a payment of \$50.00 per week is being made to the informant, he at no time indicated that he desires payment of any kind for his services.

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No commitment or promises of any kind were made to the informant concerning any aid or assistance which the Bureau could render him in obtaining employment.

It was suggested to the informant that he should attempt to secure employment, if at all possible, through his own effort. The informant stated that he was making an effort on his own by contacting employment agencies and private companies, but that the "stop gap" appears to be not lack of ability but lack of employment references for the past 20 years.

The informant stated that it was only within the past month that he has seriously contemplated securing permanent employment since he realizes that he is a middle-aged man and must soon establish himself both financially and socially.

The above is being furnished for the Bureau's review and opinion. It is felt that since the possibility exists that this informant may be considered an important witness in Bureau cases arising from the Internal Security Act of 1950 that the Bureau may be interested in rendering some assistance to this informant.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

VETERANS MATTERS, CP, USA;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-3-73)

On October 18, 1950, Confidential Informant No. 588 was interviewed at the New York Office by SA [redacted] concerning any knowledge he had dealing with Veterans matters within the Communist Party. The informant advised that although he is a veteran of World War II, he was not active in any of the veterans matters within the Party because immediately following World War II, sometime in 1946, he disagreed with the policies of the Party concerning veterans matters, and was, therefore, inactive in their program.

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According to the informant, the Communist Party, following World War II, tried to institute a program whereby they would infiltrate all of the then-existing veterans organizations such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. He stated that the main objective of the Communist Party was to infiltrate and gain power within the American Legion. The informant advised that this program was drawn up following the 1945 Communist Party Convention.

The informant advised that ROBERT THOMPSON, one of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders, was considered the leading veteran within the Communist Party following his discharge. The informant said that THOMPSON was considered a "hero" due to his exceptional war record. He stated that THOMPSON was the leader in the veterans problems throughout the National Communist Party movement. According to the informant, JOHN GATES, editor

cc: BUREAU 100-52444 (ROBERT THOMPSON)
BUREAU 100-55618 (JOHN GATES)
BUREAU 100-349140 (LOU DISKIN)
BUREAU 100-356992 [redacted]
BUREAU 100-360215 (MURRAY WEISLER)
BUREAU 100-70441 (LEON STRAUS)

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100-79498

64-3901-28

Letter to [redacted]
NY 100-79496

of the "Daily Worker", following his discharge from the United States Army, also became one of the leaders along with THOMPSON, of the veterans program within the National Communist Party. The informant stated that later, THOMPSON, when he became Chairman of the New York State Communist Party, was replaced by GATES as the leading veteran within the Communist Party. The informant advised that the following were all members of the National Veterans Commission of the Communist Party:

[redacted]
IRVING GOPY
JOHN STEUBEN

According to Confidential Informant NY 588, immediately following World War II, LOU DISKIN, was head of the New York State Veterans Commission of the Communist Party, and [redacted] was [redacted] of the New York County Veterans Commission of the New York County Communist Party. He stated that the program set up by the Communist Party for veterans to infiltrate the major existing veterans organizations was never successfully carried out. He stated that GATES, DISKIN and [redacted] were the three most active veterans in the program. The informant stated that the Communist Party never made any attempt to organize their own veterans organization. He said that his own personal suggestions to the Party following World War II were for organizing such an organization, but that the leaders of the Veterans Movement disagreed and suggested the infiltration of the then existing veterans organizations.

The informant stated that during 1947, the Party realized that the program of infiltration had been unsuccessful, and from that time on, there was practically no activity whatsoever on the part of the veterans within the Communist Party. He stated that from 1947 through January, 1950, when he defected from the Party, the Veterans Movement within the Communist Party did not take any active part in organization or infiltration, and that no orders whatsoever had been issued by the Communist Party as far as veterans matters were concerned.

The informant said that at the time when the Party came to the conclusion that infiltration was unsuccessful in 1947, LOU DISKIN became leader of the New York Youth Movement, and as a side line, he was still active in whatever veterans problems came up. The informant said that it was at this time that JOHN GATES became editor of the "Daily Worker", and [redacted] was appointed [redacted] to ROBERT DENNIS. The informant

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advised that the above men were supposed to handle veterans problems as a side line to their regular duties, but because of the inactivity of the veterans program, nothing was done in that regard. The informant advised that [] was [] between the New York State Communist Party and veterans matters from 1947 through January, 1950.

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According to Confidential Informant NO 588, the Communist Party did not designate anyone to be Director of the New York County Veterans Commission. He stated that there were no special assignments within the Party's various branches, and that the Party's veterans program was directed from Communist Party National Headquarters.

According to the informant, MURRAY GEISLER, a former member of the New York City Police Department, was active prior to 1947 in veterans matters from Bronx County, New York. He said that GEISLER, however, did not hold an official title to such a position. He stated that GEISLER later became Press Director of Bronx County, New York.

The informant stated that LEON STRAUS was active in veterans matters within Manhattan County, New York, as a side line to his duties within the furrier industry. He said that as far as he knows, STRAUS did not hold an official position, as far as veterans matters were concerned within the Party. The informant said that as of January, 1950, when he defected from the Communist Party, there was no activity on the part of the veterans within the Party, and that no program had been directed by which the veterans would be governed.

The informant advised that [] had a liaison man in the American Legion by the name of []. According to the informant, this individual lived in the neighborhood of [] with his father, whose name was not known to the informant. The informant advised that [] was a member of the American Legion from that area, but the informant did not know the full name of [].

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According to Confidential Informant NO 588, [] also had an individual in the Chelsea American Legion Post with whom he was in contact concerning veterans matters. The informant said that this individual's name was Captain IRVING GREEN, who was a member of the Chelsea Section of the Communist Party and was also a member of the Chelsea American Legion Post.

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The informant stated that he could furnish no further information concerning COHEN and that this information had become known to him through his general activities in the Communist Party.

In regard to the incident which occurred at Peekskill, New York, in September, 1949, where a riot took place between concert goers and veterans, the informant advised that the activities of the veterans from the Communist Party were handled by LEON STRAUB who had received his instructions from ROBERT THOMPSON. The informant advised that he was not present at Peekskill, New York, during the concert, but that as far as he knows, the majority of the people were from Brooklyn, New York, and the far industry who were in attendance at the concert at which PAUL ROBESON was the guest singer.

The informant said that the only veterans organization which has been organized and controlled by the Communist Party to his knowledge is the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, which was set up and has been completely dominated by the Communist Party.

The above information is being submitted for information purposes for the respective Bureau files. This information has been incorporated into the appropriate files in the New York Office.

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

EUGENE WALLACH, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-30802)

Rebulet dated 10/6/50 entitled " [] (PH),
INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

During a recent interview, Confidential Informant ND 588 advised that he recalled that the [] employed at the United Nations, Lake Success, as a [].

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A review of the captioned file reflects that the subject is identical with the [] described by the informant. The report of SA JOHN J. MULHERN, dated April 21, 1950 at New York, sets forth current background information on the subject and verifies his employment by the United Nations.

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[] is the subject of a Security Index Card being maintained by the New York Office.

No further investigation will be conducted in this matter unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

cc: 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED] was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

[REDACTED] On October 3, 1950, ID 500, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Review Commission of the New York County Communist Party and was also a member of the Education Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 583, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Press Committee of the New York County Communist Party and was also the industrial representative on this committee. Informant advised that the industrial representative handles subscriptions to the "DAILY WORKER" and other Communist Party publications for the industrial groups and sections of the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3701

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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On October 3, 1950, ID 538, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was [REDACTED] in the Garment Section of the New York County Communist
Party and is active in the Needles Trade Union in Manhattan.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the
above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 583, of known reliability, advised that
[REDACTED] is a member of the Puerto Rican Commission of the New York
County Communist Party.

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According to Bureau instructions, this information, received
from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the
above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

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SECURITY MATTER - C

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On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party, as well as a member of the Press Committee of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
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On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Puerto Rican Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

/cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:KD
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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York:

JESUS COLON
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that JESUS COLON was a member of the Puerto Rican Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 500, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Puerto Rican Commission of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

/cc - NY 66-3001

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Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] of the Upper East Side Region of the Communist Party and the informant believed subject was now assigned to the Distributive Trade Section of the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

ATL:MD
100-85283

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, NY 508, of known reliability, advised that in 1948 and 1949, the records of the New York County Communist Party were in charge of [REDACTED] and that the records might presently be kept in [REDACTED]. However, the informant advised that [REDACTED] was very friendly with a [REDACTED] who was formerly employed by the New York County Communist Party and who was [REDACTED] in the Chelsea Section of the Lower West Side Section of the Communist Party. The informant believed that because [REDACTED] was so close to [REDACTED] may have or have personal knowledge of the records of the New York County Communist Party.

It is believed that this [REDACTED] may be identical with [REDACTED] who was employed as [REDACTED] for the New York County Communist Party and who was a member of officer in the Lower West Side Section of the Communist Party.

The informant described DORA as follows:

Race
Sex
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Marital Status
Peculiarities

White
Female



Believed single
Wears heavy thick
horn-rimmed glasses;
"fish-mouthed"; wears
hair combed straight
back in knot.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-84089

66 3901-47

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that
 was of the Press Committee of the New York County Com-
munist Party and also acted as Press Director for the County.

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According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from
the above informant is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above
subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:MD
100-81261

66-3901-66

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] in 1948 and 1949 [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party on the third floor of 35 East 12th Street, New York City. Informant advised that he believed that most membership records are kept at Party Headquarters, but that some records may be in the homes of trusted comrades. He advised that [REDACTED] may have such records in her home or have knowledge of where records are stored.

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According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:KD
100-44781

Director, FBI

October 31, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Press Committee of the New York County Communist Party. He advised that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] on the Committee and as such, handles the subscriptions to the "DAILY WORKER" and other publications of the Communist Party for the community clubs and sections of the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:ED
100-62751

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] could be considered as the [REDACTED] in the New York County Communist Party organization. According to the informant, [REDACTED] acts as [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] in the County when TOFFEY left to secure a position in the Communist Party Defense Office during the trial of the eleven Communist leaders.

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ND 588 advised that [REDACTED] was a former [REDACTED] for the Philadelphia district of the Party and that he has been in New York about three years, having worked in the building trade section of New York County prior to his becoming County Secretary.

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b7c

Informant described [REDACTED] as the industrious type of comrade, very quiet, unassuming but a "shrewd comrade". The informant advised that [REDACTED] job also entails the [REDACTED] for the County. The informant further advised that [REDACTED] is also a member of the New York County secretariat.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:KD
100-16854

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SA R. OFTEDAL, #142, PER
BU INSTRUCTIONS

Employee

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Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York:

TED BASSETT
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, NY 538, of known reliability, advised that TED BASSETT is Educational Director of New York County Communist Party and was also Chairman of the New York County Review Commission, and a member of the New York County Educational Commission.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-9369

HPL:KD
100-9369

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]

SECURITY MATTER - C

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b7C

On October 3, 1950, ID 500, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was the Upper East Side [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

IFL:KD
100-23125

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

b6
b7C

On October 3, 1950, MD 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was former [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party and is still active in New York County affairs, although the informant believes [REDACTED] holds no position. He advised that [REDACTED] is a very wealthy man and may be a millionaire.

MD 588 also advised that [REDACTED] formerly lived in a very nice apartment on [REDACTED] New York City, but within the last year has bought a lovely home in New Jersey. He stated that [REDACTED], although holding no position in the Party, always visits New York County regularly to discuss financial affairs. He further stated that he believes [REDACTED] may contribute substantial amounts to the New York County Communist Party.

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b7C

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HPL:KD
100-827

66 3901-59

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is the New York County [REDACTED] and could be classed as the [REDACTED] in the County set-up. He stated that [REDACTED] was formerly [REDACTED] in Buffalo, New York and is considered by the Party as an up and coming comrade, who is slated for better jobs in the Party.

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b7C

ND 588 believed that [REDACTED] was probably a member of the New York State Board of the Communist Party. Informant advised that the Communist Party thought enough of [REDACTED] to find him a house in Queens when he arrived in New York City, which was unusual, for the Party makes no effort to find homes for Party leaders. Informant advised that [REDACTED] is a member of the New York County Secretariat.

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b7C

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-52763

66-3901-58

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 508, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the Lower West Side Region of the Communist Party. He advised that [REDACTED] is employed by the TASS NEWS AGENCY. Informant described [REDACTED] as a very able speaker, but a woman who has made enemies in the Party because she was an "under-funded sort of person" who would try to do things "behind a person's back". He also advised that the Party is having trouble with [REDACTED] because she was not security conscious and would talk too much over the telephone.

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b7c

ID 508 advised that [REDACTED] at one time helped take care of the New York County records and membership lists and it is possible that the records might be kept in her home.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-50804

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re: [REDACTED] 1 pg

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SA R. OFTEDAL, #42, per
BU INSTRUCTIONS

Employee _____

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged _____

Employee _____

Location _____

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER -- C

On October 3, 1950, [REDACTED] ID 501, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of New York County, Communist Party, and that [REDACTED] is on the Education Commission of the County.

According to Bureau instructions, this information received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:MD
100-93651

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b7C

66-3901-55

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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b7C

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received
from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the
above subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

WFL:ED
100-52331

66-3901-394

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ND 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party. He advised that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] graduate and a native of West Virginia. Informant advised she is [REDACTED] and is a very capable woman regarding political affairs in the Party. He advised that [REDACTED] is a very able speaker, knows how to mix well and has a shrewd analytical mind. ND 588 advised [REDACTED] was former [REDACTED] of the New York County Communist Party.

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b7C

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

✓ cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-50094

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 588, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] was active in the Needles Trade Union for the New York County Communist Party.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

IRL:MD
100-14226

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b7C

66-2707-50

Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York:

HERBERT WEILDIEN
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 3, 1950, ID 500, of known reliability, advised that HERBERT WEILDIEN acts as Regional Director of the Harlem Region of the Communist Party. Informant advised that WEILDIEN is a colored veteran and is a very important figure in the County set-up, as well as Acting Chairman of the New York State Negro Commission. Informant further advised WEILDIEN is a member of the New York County Secretariat.

According to Bureau instructions, this information, received from the above informant, is being supplied for the Bureau file on the above subject.

cc - NY 66-3901

HFL:KD
100-9308

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